

Hurricane Bertha unlikely to make landfall in U.S.

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MIAMI (AP) — Newly formed Hurricane Bertha was churning northward Monday far from land, posing no direct threat to the U.S. East Coast.

The center of the storm is expected to stay offshore as it passes wide of the U.S. mainland over the next few days, and the storm is also likely to miss Bermuda. A forecast map shows that Bertha could brush Canada's easternmost provinces as a post-tropical storm later this week.

"There's no direct impact that will be felt on the U.S. East Coast. However, there could be added surf and rip current conditions," said Dennis Feltgen, spokesman for the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

That doesn't mean coastal residents should let their guard down, though.

"We've still got the peak of the season to go on the Atlantic side, mid-August to mid-October," Feltgen said.

The hurricane formed Monday morning, and its maximum sustained winds decreased to near 75 mph (120 kph) by the afternoon. Further weakening was expected. The hurricane was centered about 650 miles (900 kilometers) west-southwest of Bermuda and is moving north near 18 mph (30 kph).

On Sunday, the storm buffeted parts of the Bahamas and the Turks & Caicos with rain and gusty winds, after passing over the Dominican Republic and causing temporary evacuation of dozens of families as its downpours raised rivers out of their banks. Earlier, it dumped rain on Puerto Rico, which has been parched by unusually dry weather. □

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Israel, Hamas accept Egyptian cease-fire proposal



An Israeli soldier from the Paratroop battalion returns to Israel from the Gaza Strip, southern Israel, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014. A brief cease-fire declared by Israel and troop withdrawals slowed violence in the Gaza war Monday, but an attack on an Israeli bus that killed one person in Jerusalem underscored the tensions still simmering in the region as Israeli airstrikes resumed late in the day.

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Former White House press secretary Jim Brady dies

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

James Brady, the affable, witty press secretary who survived a devastating head wound in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan and undertook a personal crusade for gun control, died Monday. He was 73. Brady, who spent much of the rest of his life in a wheelchair, died at a retirement community in Virginia, where he lived with his wife.

"We are heartbroken to share the news that our beloved Jim 'Bear' Brady has passed away after a series of health issues," Brady's family said in a statement. "His wife, Sarah; son, Scott, and daughter, Missy, are so thankful to have had the opportunity to say their



This March 30, 2011 file photo shows former White House press secretary James Brady, left, who was left paralyzed in the Reagan assassination attempt, looking at his wife Sarah Brady, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington marking the 30th anniversary of the shooting.



This Jan. 6, 1981 file photo shows President-elect Ronald Reagan introducing James Brady as his press secretary in Washington. Associated Press

President Barack Obama described Brady as a White House legend, who turned "the events of that terrible afternoon into a remarkable legacy of service." Thanks to Brady and the law bearing his name, "an untold number of people are alive today who otherwise wouldn't be," the president said in a statement.

Former first lady Nancy Reagan said she was "deeply saddened to learn of Jim Brady's passing today. Thinking of him brings back so many memories — happy and sad — of a time in all of our lives when we learned what it means to 'play the hand we're dealt.'"

Of the four people struck by gunfire in the assassination attempt by John Hinckley Jr. — later found to be mentally ill — Brady was the most seriously wounded. A news clip of the shooting, replayed often on television, showed Brady sprawled on the ground as Secret Service agents hustled the wounded president into his limousine. Reagan was shot in one lung, while a policeman and a Secret Service agent suffered lesser wounds.

Brady never regained full health. The shooting caused brain damage, partial paralysis, short-term memory impairment, slurred speech and constant pain.

The TV replays of the shoot-

ing did take a toll on Brady, however. He told The Associated Press years later that he relived the moment each time he saw it: "I want to take every bit of (that) film ... and put them in a cement incinerator, slosh them with gasoline and throw a lighted cigarette in." He endured a series of brain operations in the years after the shooting.

His wife, Sarah, became involved in gun control efforts in 1985, and later chaired Handgun Control Inc., but Brady took a few more years to join her. Reagan did not endorse their efforts until 10 years after he was shot.

Reagan's surprise endorsement — he was a longtime National Rifle Association member and opponent of gun control laws — began to turn the tide in Congress. The Brady law — formally known as the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act — required a five-day wait and background check before a handgun could be sold. In November 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the bill into law. Clinton said Monday that Brady "transformed his own personal tragedy into an opportunity to inspire change — for more than three decades he and Sarah encouraged all of us to create a more just and secure nation, free from handgun violence."

Gun control efforts have not been supported by the current Congress, however. Despite the December 2012 slayings at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, when 20 children and six adults were killed, Obama's push to expand background checks and a ban on assault-like weapons died in the Senate — due in part to opposition by the National Rifle Association.

Clinton awarded Brady the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996. In 2000, the press briefing room at the White House was renamed in Brady's honor. The following year, Handgun Control Inc. □

farewells."

Brady suffered a bullet wound to his head in the assassination attempt outside the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981. Although he returned to the White House only briefly, he was allowed to keep the title of presidential press secretary and his White House salary until Reagan left office in January 1989.

A federal law requiring a background check on handgun buyers bears Brady's name, as does the White House press briefing room.

Gov't expects to borrow \$192B in 3Q, \$187B in 4Q

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Treasury Department has raised by \$22 billion its estimate of what it needs to borrow in the third quarter to keep the government operating.

Treasury said Monday that it expects to borrow \$192 billion in the July-September period, up from an estimate of \$170 billion announced in April. The borrowing increase is mainly due to the government taking in less in revenue than previously expected. Treasury also said it expects

to borrow \$187 billion in the fourth quarter of the year. To meet borrowing needs, the government sells Treasury securities such as 10-year notes and 30-year bonds at quarterly refunding auctions. The government ran a budget surplus of \$71 billion in June, putting it on course to record the lowest annual deficit since 2008. The June surplus followed a \$130 billion deficit in May. The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting a deficit of \$492 billion for the full bud-

get year ending Sept. 30. That would be the narrowest gap since 2008. In 2008, the government recorded a deficit of \$458.6 billion, which was the record high for deficits up to that time. With the onset of the Great Recession, deficits soared to unprecedented levels, exceeding \$1 trillion for four consecutive years. Tax revenues fell during that period, while government boosted spending in an attempt to stabilize the financial system and provide relief to people who had lost

jobs. "The outlook for federal finances is brighter," Assistant Treasury Secretary for Economic Policy Karen Dynan said in a statement Monday. Dynan noted that the deficit has fallen from 9.8 percent of the nation's total economic output in fiscal 2009 to 4.1 percent of gross domestic product in fiscal 2013. The Obama administration's proposed budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 aims to reduce the deficit to \$564 billion, or 3.1 percent of GDP. □

Israel, Hamas accept Egyptian cease-fire plan

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and Hamas on Monday accepted an Egyptian cease-fire proposal meant to halt a bruising month-long war that has claimed nearly 2,000 lives, raising hopes that the bloodiest round of fighting between the bitter enemies could finally be coming to an end. Still, both sides signaled a rough road ahead, with an Israeli official expressing skepticism given previous failures, and a Palestinian negotiator saying "it's going to be tough."

A last-minute burst of violence, including a deadly Palestinian attack in Jerusalem, continued bloodshed in Gaza and the reported execution of a number of suspected collaborators with Israel, served as reminders of the lingering risk of renewed violence.

After weeks of behind-the-scenes diplomacy, and a previous truce that collapsed within hours on Friday, Israel and Hamas both announced late Monday that they had accept-

ed the proposal for a preliminary 72-hour cease-fire, beginning at 8 a.m. (0500 GMT) Tuesday. Egypt was then set to host indirect talks to work out a long-term truce over the next three days.

"At 8 a.m. local time tomorrow a cease-fire starts and Israel will cease all military operations against terrorist targets in the Gaza Strip," said Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev. "Israel will honor the cease-fire and will be watching to see if Hamas does, too."

The war broke out on July 8 when Israel launched an air offensive in response to weeks of heavy rocket fire out of Hamas-controlled Gaza. It expanded the operation on July 17 by sending in ground forces in what it described as a mission to destroy a network of tunnels used to stage attacks. Israel says the last of the tunnels has nearly been destroyed.

The war has taken nearly 1,900 Palestinian lives, most of them civilians caught in fighting inside Gaza's crowded urban landscape,



Israeli soldiers fire a mortar shell towards the Gaza Strip as the force are returning to Israel, near Israel Gaza border, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014.

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according to Hamas medical officials. Sixty-four Israeli soldiers have also died, as well as two Israeli civilians and a Thai laborer who worked in Israel. The heavy death toll has eclipsed that of previous rounds of fighting in 2009 and 2012.

A delegation of Palestinian officials from various factions, including Hamas, has been negotiating with Egypt in recent days. Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said the group had accepted the plan.

"It's clear now that the interest of all parties is to have a cease-fire," said Bassam Salhi, a member of the Palestinian delegation. "It's going to be tough negotiations because Israel has demands too. We don't have any guarantees the siege will be removed."

State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki late Monday said the U.S. strongly supports the latest cease-fire proposal and urges "both parties to respect it completely."

Hamas is seeking a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, an end to an Israeli and Egyptian blockade of the territory, the release of Hamas prisoners held by Israel and international assistance in the reconstruction of Gaza. Israel says the blockade is needed to prevent Hamas, an Islamic militant group sworn to its destruction, from arming. But the Palestinians

and members of the international community have criticized the blockade as collective punishment. The blockade, known to the Palestinians as "the siege," has ground Gaza's economy to a standstill.

Israel has demanded that Gaza become "demilitarized," requiring the unlikely cooperation of Hamas in giving up its significant arsenal.

"We will be putting first on our agenda preventing Hamas from rearming," Regev said. "Ultimately the Palestinians have a written commitment that Gaza should be demilitarized and it's time the international community held them to that commitment."

Israel had been signaling in recent days that it was winding down its military campaign. On Sunday, it withdrew most of its ground forces from Gaza, and the army said the pullout was continuing Monday.

In addition, Israel declared a seven-hour pause Monday in its air campaign for what it called a "window" to allow much-needed humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Supermarkets were open for business and more cars were on the streets than during any of the short-lived cease-fires since the war began. Fresh fruits and vegetables were available in outdoor markets.

Despite a drop in military

activity, Israel still attacked 38 targets, though well below the levels of recent days.

At least 20 people were killed Monday, including three children — an 8-year-old girl in the Shati refugee camp and a 12-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister in the southern border town of Rafah, according to Palestinian medical officials. Still, that was far below the levels during the heaviest fighting.

Israel's chief military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Moti Almoz, disputed Palestinian claims that the vast majority of the dead were civilians.

"We estimate that between 700 and 900 terrorists were killed in direct contact with Israeli soldiers," he told Channel 2 TV. "That's a number that could rise because there were many terrorists inside the tunnels that were probably killed when the tunnels were blown up."

Almoz said Israel expected to destroy the last of the tunnels, allegedly built by militants to stage attacks across the border, in the coming hours.

As the fighting appeared to be tapering off, a Palestinian website close to the Hamas internal security service in Gaza said an unspecified number of Palestinians accused of collaborating with Israel were executed. □

Judge: US state's abortion law unconstitutional

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Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama

(AP) — A U.S. state's law restricting doctors at abortion clinics is unconstitutional because it would unduly hamper women's ability to obtain the medical procedure, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson, in a 172-page opinion and an accompanying order, said Alabama state lawmakers exceeded their authority when they passed a law last year requiring doctors at abortion clinics to have hospital admitting privileges.

Thompson extended an earlier order blocking enforcement of the law and said he would issue a final order after considering more written arguments from lawyers.

The case is the latest in the

decades-long struggle by some social conservatives to chip away at a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion. The issue remains one of the country's most sensitive, politically and otherwise, with various challenges in a number of states.

The decision came days after a federal appeals court blocked a similar law in Mississippi.

And on Monday, abortion providers in Texas asked a federal judge to stop a new law that they say will leave just eight facilities statewide where women can legally terminate a pregnancy after Sept. 1. Susan Watson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, said the law wasn't designed to protect women, as supporters maintain. □

Business, Ebola discussed at U.S.-Africa summit

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Obama administration sought Monday to strengthen ties with Africa at an unprecedented summit with dozens of African leaders, grappling with issues such as investment, poverty, terrorism, corruption and deadly diseases. Nearly 50 African heads of state attended the gathering focused on how to build democracy and raise investment in the continent, which is home to some of the world's fastest growing economies and an expanding middle class.

Yet an outbreak of deadly Ebola virus, which has killed at least 887 people in West Africa, cast a pall over the summit. Leaders from Sierra Leone and Liberia canceled their plans to attend and the U.S. set up medical screenings for other officials traveling from those nations.

Those who did attend, including women dressed in brightly colored African wear, crowded hotel lobbies and buses. Pickup



Secretary of State John Kerry gestures as he speaks in Washington, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, during the Resilience and Food Security in a Changing Climate discussion at the US Africa Summit.
Associated Press

trucks carrying signs with messages like "End Dictatorship in Ethiopia" cruised downtown streets. Traffic was snarled and streets were closed around event sites.

Inside the summit venues, top U.S. officials spoke positively about U.S.-Africa relations and progress on the continent.

"I think something like 10 of the 15 fastest-growing countries in the world are in Africa," Secretary of State John Kerry said. "Africa will have a larger workforce than India or China by 2040."

The Obama administration

says it is committed to renewing the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, which is set to expire next year. Since 2000, AGOA has been at the center of the U.S. efforts to promote trade and investment in Africa while opening new sources of material for U.S. producers.

"AGOA has made it possible for Ford Motor Co. to export engines duty-free from South Africa, where Ford has invested over \$300 million so they can supply engines worldwide," Kerry said. "And the efficiencies of that operation have allowed Ford to create 800

new jobs at their Kansas City plant as part of the global production line."

South Africa President Jacob Zuma said he wants to see AGOA renewed for another 15 years, with the inclusion of South Africa. South African exports to the United States were worth \$3.6 billion in 2013, according to the American Chamber of Commerce. It said the United States was the biggest destination for South African exports of passenger cars, receiving 42 percent of the total.

About 600 U.S. companies do business in South Africa, which has one of the biggest economies on the continent, but struggles with low growth, labor unrest and high unemployment.

"Almost 95 percent of South African exports receive preferential treatment under AGOA," Zuma said in a speech at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "We strongly believe that by endorsing the extension of AGOA, the U.S. will be promoting African integration, industrialization and infrastructure

development."The U.S. is competing in Africa with China, which surpassed the United States in 2009 as Africa's largest trading partner. China has been increasingly investing in natural resources projects in Africa, and Chinese leaders make frequent trips to the continent.

In Kenya, Aly-Khan Satchu, the owner of a financial management company and a prominent social commentator, said he believes the U.S. is "a bit late" to what has been a global re-engagement with Africa. That movement in Kenya has been led by China, which is helping build new roads and overpasses, and new skyscrapers rising above Nairobi, the capital. Vice President Joe Biden warned that corruption was a red light to progress in Africa. He called on African nations to improve rule of law with better court systems, independent oversight of government departments and vetting of police and security officials. "Corruption ... not only undermines but prevents the establishment of genuine democratic systems. It stifles economic growth and scares away investment. It siphons off resources that should be used to lift people out of poverty, and it weakens your military readiness," Biden told summit attendees. "It creates vulnerabilities to foreign manipulation and interference."

Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said extremist militants threaten to hamper progress in eastern Africa. Mohamud's Western-backed government has promised to put the country on a path toward democracy and economic progress, despite regular attacks by the Islamic group, al-Shabab.

Mohamud, whose life has been threatened by the group, said young people in his country are being herded into al-Shabab training camps, toys are replaced by guns and the youth are missing out on simple pleasures like going to a movie or relaxing on a beach. □

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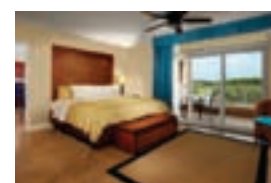
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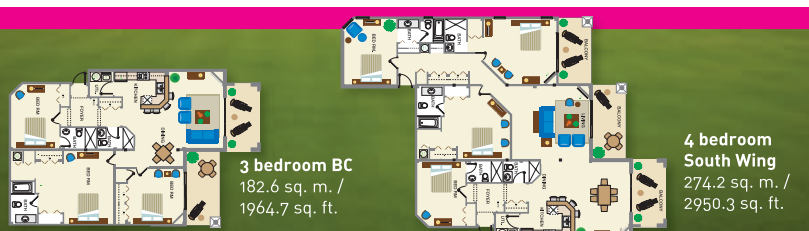
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Porch killing defedant: 'I wasn't going to cower'

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Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A man said Monday that he was afraid when an unknown woman showed up on his porch

12-gauge shotgun.

He said he opened the front door slightly and saw that the outer, screen door was damaged. He then opened the inner door

and wasn't mentioned as a factor by prosecutors or defense attorneys during court hearings that preceded the trial.

Earlier in the trial, prosecu-

at his home. He said no.

"I think everybody would like to have a security system in their house," he said. "I couldn't afford it." The neighborhood had changed greatly since he bought the house in 1994, added Wafer.

"My front door and screen door are usually always locked," said Wafer, adding that the same goes for his back door. He said he uses the side door most often to get in and out and that the screen door on the side of his house is usually not locked.

Earlier on Monday, a firearms expert testified for the defense that Wafer and McBride were both apparently standing close to his screen door when he shot her through it, killing her.

Retired state Trooper David

Balash said the hole in the door made by the shotgun blast shows it was near the door when he fired it. He said the buckshot wounds on McBride's body show she was standing near the door when Wafer shot her last fall.

"My opinion is she was very close to the door ... within a foot," Balash told the jury.

It is not clear how or why she showed up on Wafer's porch. They didn't know each other.

Dr. Werner Spitz, a former medical examiner, testified last week that a laceration on McBride's hand shows she may have injured it while pounding on Wafer's door. But the doctor who performed the autopsy found nothing remarkable about her hand. □



Theodore Wafer pauses at the end of Day 3 of his trial, Monday, July 28, 2014, Detroit, Mich. Wafer is the Dearborn Heights homeowner charged in the shooting death of Renisha McBride.

Associated Press

before dawn one morning last year, but that he refused to be a victim in his own home.

Theodore Wafer is charged with second-degree murder and could be sentenced to up to life in prison with the chance for parole, if he's convicted. He says he shot 19-year-old Renisha McBride in self-defense, but prosecutors argue that Wafer could have stayed safely behind his locked doors and called police instead of confronting McBride, whom he didn't know.

"I wasn't going to cower in my house," Wafer told jurors at his trial for the Nov. 2 killing of McBride, who was drunk but unarmed.

Softly and methodically, Wafer told jurors how he followed loud bangs from his front door to his side door and back to the front again before fetching his

further and "this person came out from the side of my house so fast. I raised the gun and shot," he told jurors after taking the stand on the seventh day of testimony.

Wafer, 55, also said he thought there could have been more than one person outside of his 1,100-square-foot (102-square meter) home near Detroit's far west side. He said he pulled the trigger "to defend myself. It was them or me."

When police arrived, McBride lay in a pool of blood just off the porch.

In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, civil rights activists questioned whether race may have been a factor. Wafer is white and McBride was black, and some likened the killing to that of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. But race faded as an issue

tors played a recording of Wafer telling an officer that he didn't know the gun was loaded. They contend that Wafer didn't need to use deadly force against McBride.

An autopsy found McBride's blood-alcohol level was about 0.22, which is nearly three times Michigan's legal limit for driving. About 3½ hours before Wafer killed her, McBride crashed her car into a parked vehicle nearby.

To acquit Wafer, the jury would have to find that he shot McBride because he had a reasonable and honest fear for his life.

Occasionally rubbing the right side of his head and speaking with his eyes closed, Wafer testified that he bought the shotgun about six years ago.

Wafer's lawyer, Cheryl Carpenter, asked if he had a security system installed



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Arias to represent self at death penalty trial

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Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A judge ruled Monday that Jodi Arias can represent herself in the upcoming penalty phase of her murder trial, where jurors will decide whether she is put to death for killing her ex-boyfriend. Arias, 34, was convicted of first-degree murder last year in the 2008 killing of Travis Alexander, but jurors couldn't reach a decision on sentencing. Under Arizona law, while Arias' murder conviction stands, prosecutors have the option of putting on a second penalty phase with a new jury in an effort to secure the death penalty. Arias, who has long clashed with her defense lawyers and tried to fire them pre-



This Jan. 9, 2013 file photo shows Jodi Arias appearing for her trial in Maricopa County Superior court in Phoenix.
Associated Press

viously, asked Judge Sherry Stephens to let her serve as her own lawyer during the second penalty phase set for Sept. 8. Stephens granted the request but said there would be no delays. "I do not believe it is in your best interest ... I strongly urge you to reconsider,"

Stephens told Arias before granting the motion. Arias will now have the task of arguing a death penalty case just four weeks from now despite having no legal experience and no college degree or high school diploma. Arias got her GED in jail. Her defense lawyers will remain on as advisory council. They declined to comment on the latest developments. Prosecutors also declined comment. Experts say the move might not be such a bad idea given the gruesome nature of the crime. Arias admitted killing Alexander at his suburban Phoenix home but said it was self-defense. He was stabbed nearly 30 times, had his throat slit and was shot in the forehead. Prosecutors argued it was premeditated murder carried out in a jealous rage when Alexander wanted to end their affair.

"It's actually probably a good idea to represent herself," said San Francisco-area defense attorney Daniel Horowitz. "She looks like a vicious psychopath with a ridiculous defense." However, Horowitz noted, the jury "may find her pathetic." "If she can get just one juror to bond with her on some level, even if they hate her, they're getting to know her, and it's harder to kill someone you know," he said.

The five-month trial that began in January 2013 provided seemingly endless amounts of cable TV and tabloid fodder, including a recorded phone sex

call between Arias and the victim, nude photos, bloody crime-scene pictures and a defendant who described her life story in intimate detail over 18 days on the witness stand. Arias told jurors of an abusive childhood, cheating boyfriends, dead-end jobs, her sexual relationship with Alexander and her contention that he had grown physically violent.

"They thought she was a liar. She was narcissistic. She was arrogant, and it made it easy to convict her," Horowitz said. "But that's a lot different than killing somebody." Phoenix defense lawyer Mel McDonald, a former Maricopa County judge and federal prosecutor, agreed that Arias doesn't have much to lose.

"I think generally that anybody that represents themselves has a fool for a client, but it also gives her a way, if she's out there making a fool of herself, to maybe invoke some sympathy from a juror," McDonald said.

Arias' feud with her attorneys has been ongoing since early in the case and intensified after she gave a series of media interviews following her conviction in May 2013. Her lawyers have tried to withdraw several times, but the judge has rebuffed their requests. If the new jury fails to reach a unanimous decision, the death penalty will be removed from consideration. The judge would then sentence Arias to spend her life behind bars or to be eligible for release after 25 years. □

Hotel negative review policy spurs online backlash

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A hotel received a flood of online criticism Monday following reports that it threatened to charge \$500 if guests posted negative reviews. The New York Post reported early Monday that the Union Street Guest House in Hudson, N.Y., warned on its website that "a \$500 fine ... will be deducted from your deposit for every negative review placed on any Internet site by anyone in your party." The policy was aimed at guests booking the inn for weddings and other events.

The hotel, about 100 miles north of New York City, apparently removed the warning from its website after the Post story was published and picked up by other media.

The hotel then explained on its Facebook page that the policy on fines was "a tongue-in-cheek response to a wedding many years ago. It was meant to be taken down long ago and certainly was never enforced."

By late Monday afternoon, the hotel appeared to have removed the "tongue-in-cheek" explanation from its

Facebook page.

After the original New York Post story was picked up by many websites, readers began posting dozens of phony one-star reviews on the hotel's Yelp listing, many with absurd claims ("none of the rooms have beds"). Some posters said the bogus write-ups were deserved, though at least one gave a five-star review to the maligned hotel out of pity.

The hotel's phone went unanswered Monday afternoon and the hotel did not respond to an emailed request for comment. □

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East Ukraine city of Luhansk dying under siege

YURAS KARMANAU

Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

Residents say the eastern Ukrainian city of Luhansk is dying. The power grid was completely down Monday, the city government said, and fuel is running dry.

Store shelves are emptying fast, and those who haven't managed to flee must drink untreated tap water. With little medicine left, doctors are sending patients home.

As Ukrainian government forces slowly tighten their ring around the city — one of two major pro-Russian rebel strongholds — traveling in and out has become a perilous undertaking.

In an impassioned statement released over the weekend, mayor Sergei Kravchenko described a situation that is becoming more unsustainable by the day.

"As a result of the blockade and ceaseless rocket attacks, the city is on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe," Kravchenko said. "Citizens are dying on the streets, in their courtyard and in their homes. Every new day brings only death and destruction."

Luhansk, a city of more than 400,000 people at peacetime, now has seen its population dwindle as citizens flee violence and deprivation. Located about an hour's drive from Russia, which Ukraine insists is supplying rebels with weapons and manpower, Luhansk is being fiercely fought over by all sides of the conflict.

Shelling is a daily occurrence and the targets apparently quite random. On Saturday, eight buildings were damaged by rockets. These included a school, a supermarket and sev-

eral multistory apartment blocks, Luhansk city government said.

Last week, a crucial electrical transformer in Luhansk was hit by a shell, leading to an 80 percent drop in power supplies, according to a report issued Monday by an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe monitoring mission. Rebels accuse the army of waging a vicious bombing campaign against the civilian population. Authorities deny they have used artillery against residential neighborhoods and in turn accuse rebels of shelling civilians as a way of discrediting the army. This claim is faithfully repeated by almost all Ukrainian media, although it has been questioned by Human Rights Watch and others.

With gas reserves all but exhausted, even those willing to brave a drive out of the city for supplies struggle to refill their cars.

A little is getting through all the same, mainly from Russia. Pro-rebel online television station Luhansk-24 on Sunday carried a report about a consignment of medicinal supplies reaching the city from the southern Russian city of Saratov. This was a visible reminder that supply lines to Russia remain intact. With clashes taking place at several spots surrounding the city, however, maintaining a steady convoy of goods is complicated.

The fight for control over the frontier has been bitter. Authorities concede that more than 60 miles (100 kilometers) of the Russian-Ukrainian border remains in rebel hands. The government says that Russia has been flagrantly smuggling large amounts of heavy weaponry and manpower



A woman walks past a damaged school in the city of Lisichansk, Luhansk region, eastern Ukraine, Saturday, July 26, 2014.

to aid the separatist cause. Sandwiched between the border and rebel fighters, government forces have succumbed to routine defeats and humiliations, even as they appear to slowly gain the upper hand in the fight to regain control of the last rebel strongholds.

On Monday, a Russian border security official said more than 400 Ukrainian soldiers crossed into Russia. The Russian official said the soldiers deserted the Kiev government and that the Russian side had opened a safe corridor. A Ukrainian military official, who did not give a number for the soldiers involved, said the troops were forced into Russian territory by rebel fire after running out of ammunition. □

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Death toll from Ebola in W. Africa hits 887: WHO

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Associated Press**

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — The doctor who treated a man who flew to Nigeria and died of Ebola now has contracted the disease, authorities said Monday, presenting a dire challenge to Africa's most populous nation as the regional toll for the outbreak grew to 887 dead.

As Nigerian health authorities rushed to quarantine others who had been exposed to the doctor, a special plane landed in Liberia to evacuate the second American missionary who fell ill with Ebola. Nancy Writebol, 59, is expected to arrive in Atlanta on Tuesday, where she will be treated at a special isolation ward.

The second confirmed case in Nigeria is a doctor who treated Patrick Sawyer, the Liberian-American man who died July 25 days after arriving in Nigeria from Liberia, said Nigerian Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu.

Three others who also treated Sawyer now show symptoms of Ebola and their test results are pending, he said.

Authorities are trying to trace and quarantine others in Lagos, sub-Saharan Africa's largest city of 21 million people.

"This cluster of cases in Lagos, Nigeria is very concerning," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is dispatching 50 experienced disease control specialists to West Africa.

"It shows what happens if meticulous infection control, contact tracing, and proper isolation of patients with suspected Ebola is not done. Stopping the spread in Lagos will be difficult but it can be done," he said.

The World Health Organization announced Monday that the death toll has increased from 729 to 887 deaths in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

Cases in Liberia jumped from 156 to 255, WHO said,



Nigeria health officials wait to screen passengers at the arrival hall of Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014.

Associated Press

as the government ordered that all Ebola victims must now be cremated because of rising opposition to burials in neighborhoods around the capital. Over the weekend, police were called in amid a standoff over whether health authorities could bury nearly two dozen victims in a neighborhood on the outskirts of the capital, Monrovia.

Sierra Leone marked a national stay-at-home day Monday in an effort to halt the disease's spread. A documentary film of the first outbreak of the Ebola disease in Congo was being shown intermittently throughout the day by the national broadcaster.

The emergence of a second case in Nigeria raises serious concerns about the

infection control practices there, and also raises the specter that more cases could emerge. It can take up to 21 days after exposure to the virus for symptoms to appear. They include fever, sore throat, muscle pains and headaches. Often nausea, vomiting and diarrhea follow, along with severe internal and external bleeding in advanced stages of the disease.

"This fits exactly with the pattern that we've seen in the past. Either someone gets sick and infects their relatives, or goes to a hospital and health workers get sick," said Gregory Hartl, World Health Organization spokesman in Geneva. "It's extremely unfortunate but it's not unexpected. This was a sick man getting off a plane and unfortunately

no one knew he had Ebola."

Doctors and other health workers on the front lines of the Ebola crisis have been among the most vulnerable to infection as they are in direct physical contact with patients. The disease is not airborne, and only transmitted through contact with bodily fluids such as saliva, blood, vomit, sweat or feces.

Sawyer, who was traveling to Nigeria on business, became ill while aboard a flight and Nigerian authorities immediately took him into isolation upon arrival in Lagos. They did not quarantine his fellow passengers, and have insisted that the risk of additional cases was minimal.

Nigerian authorities said a total of 70 people are un-

der surveillance and that they hoped to have eight people in quarantine by the end of Monday in an isolation ward in Lagos.

Tracking down all the people who came into contact with Sawyer and his caregivers could prove difficult at this late stage, said Ben Neuman, a virologist and Ebola expert at Britain's University of Reading.

"Contact tracing is essential but it's very hard to get enough people to do that," he said. "For the average case, you want to look back and catch the 20 to 30 people they had closest contact with and that takes a lot of effort and legwork ... The most important thing now is to do the contact tracing and quarantine any contacts who may be symptomatic." □



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Cuba abuzz over news of U.S. travelers program

PETER ORSI
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — News that the U.S. government quietly contracted young Latin Americans to travel to Cuba for political pur-

things for 50 years to bring down the revolution, and it hasn't fallen."

Other Cubans backed efforts by the U.S. Agency for International Development and its contractors to sup-

According to one document obtained by the AP, a goal was to put "pressure" on the government. In one case, a group of visitors organized an HIV-prevention workshop de-

scrutiny: Who's the donor? Where are the funds coming from? What does the program propose to do?" the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to avoid damaging his group's local relationships. "If it means that we're going to be more scrutinized and that Cuban approval processes are going to be even slower than they already are, then that's going to affect our work." In Cuba, the early news-cast showed AP video of the investigation. It included footage of two Cubans interviewed by the AP, but not audio of their comments.

"This program of traveler agents, like ZunZuneo, form part of a multimillion-dollar effort by USAID to effect change in countries that

are politically inconvenient for Washington," broadcaster Cristina Escobar said.

The afternoon news also led with the story, but without commentary. Cuban authorities have not commented publicly.

Cuban-American Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart likened U.S. government efforts aimed at engaging Cuban civil society to Cold War-era attempts to promote democracy in the former Soviet Bloc.

"Efforts ... to find creative ways for the Cuban people to communicate with each other and with the outside world, are precisely the types of activities that the United States must vigorously pursue in closed societies," Diaz-Balart said in a statement. □



Photographs of Venezuelan Lawyer, Zaimar Castillo, are shown with other documents obtained by the Associated Press and photographed in Washington, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

Associated Press

poses under the guise of health and civic programs was the talk of the town in Havana and the Cuban diaspora Monday, eliciting both criticism and praise for the secret program.

In Cuba, some who heard about it from state TV called it objectionable, if not necessarily surprising.

"I don't know what to tell you. It's one of so many imperialist aggressions, so many years that they have been trying to bring down the revolution," said Elio Morales, a 19-year-old refinery worker. "They've been trying all kinds of

port civil society on the island.

"Good for USAID!" dissident writer and photographer Orlando Luis Pardo said via Twitter. "The world must foster the rights of the Cuban people, abolished by the Castro regime and their allies."

An Associated Press investigation published Monday revealed that under the Obama administration program, nearly a dozen travelers were sent undercover to Cuba to try to identify and ultimately groom a new generation of political activists.

scribed as a ruse to conceal the political nature of their work, potentially undermining USAID's credibility in critical health work around the world.

The head of an international nongovernmental organization in Cuba expressed concern that the revelations could jeopardize the work of groups that have spent years building trust with the Cuban government and local partners.

"It doesn't bode very well for programs that are funded from external sources, because I think there's going to be a higher level of

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Australia may intervene in surrogate baby case

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Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Seven-month-old Gammy, who was born with Down syndrome and a congenital heart condition, is being cared for by his young Thai surrogate mother after his Australian biological parents left him behind in Thailand, taking home only his healthy twin sister. Now the Australian government says it is considering intervening in the case, with the country's immigration minister saying Monday that the little blond, brown-eyed boy might be entitled to Australian citizenship.

Pattaramon Chanbua, a 21-year-old food vendor who has two young children of her own, says she met the Australian couple only once, when the babies were born, and knew only that they lived in Western Australia state. The couple has not been publicly identified.

Australian Immigration Minister Scott Morrison called Pattaramon "an absolute hero" and "a saint," but said the law surrounding the case "is very, very murky."

"We are taking a close look at what can be done here, but I wouldn't want to raise any false hopes or expectations," Morrison told Sydney Radio 2GB. "We are dealing with something that has happened in another country's jurisdiction."

Morrison's office later said in a statement that "the child may be eligible for Australian citizenship," though it did not elaborate. Australian citizens are entitled to free health care in Australia.

Speaking Sunday from her Thai seaside town of Sri Racha, Pattaramon said that she was not angry with the biological parents for leaving Gammy behind, and that she hoped they would take good care of his twin sister.

"I've never felt angry at them or hated them. I'm always willing to forgive them," Pattaramon told The Associated Press. "I want to see that they love the baby girl as much as my family loves Gammy. I want her to be well taken care of." Pattaramon was promised 300,000 baht (\$9,300) by a surrogacy agency in Bangkok, Thailand's capital, to be a surrogate for the Australian couple, but says she has not been fully paid since the babies were born last December.

She said the agency knew about Gammy's condition four or five months after she became pregnant but did not tell her. It wasn't until the seventh month of her

pregnancy that the doctors and the agency told her the twin boy had Down syndrome and suggested that she abort the fetus.

Pattaramon recalled strongly rejecting the idea, believing that having an abortion would be sinful. "I asked them, 'Are you still humans?' I really wanted to know," she said.

An online campaign by the Australian charity organization Hands Across the Water to help Gammy has raised more than \$215,000 since July 22.

Mora Kelly, founder of the Children

Pattaramon and her family's wishes would need to be considered in any decision to fly Gammy to Australia.

"Certainly our position is that there is no need to bring Gammy out to Australia," Baines said. "There's a high level of medical care available in Thailand and there's nothing to my knowledge that indicates he's suffering from something that can't be treated in Thailand."

Gammy was moved from a public to a private hospital on Saturday and is being treated for a lung infection. Heart surgery has not yet

ing for a law that will ban surrogacy of non-family members, but there is no punishment right now," said Pavana Hongsakul, a former Thai social development and human security minister and advocate for women's and children's rights. "This is a worrying trend as it can lead to other problems, such as human trafficking."

It is illegal to pay a surrogate mother in Australia, and in some states, excluding Western Australia, it is also illegal to pay a surrogate living overseas. An Australian woman can act as a surrogate for free,



Pattaramon Chanbua, 21, poses her baby boy Gammy at a hospital in Chonburi province, southeastern Thailand Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014.
Associated Press

First Foundation, which brings sick children from developing countries to Australia for medical treatment, said she had discussed with Hands Across the Water the possibility of bringing Gammy to the Australian city of Melbourne for heart surgery.

"I believe that this child should be able to access our health care system here in Australia," Kelly told Australian Broadcasting Corp. "This child, in essence ... should be an Australian citizen."

But Hands Across the Water founder and chairman Peter Baines said

been scheduled, Baines said.

The Australian broadcaster, ABC, reported that Gammy's biological father has denied intentionally abandoning his son in Thailand, saying he did not know that his daughter had a twin.

Pattaramon's case highlights the rising problem of surrogacy in Thailand, where legal loopholes allow the practice to exist. Thai officials said last week that there were 50 surrogate babies of Israeli couples in Thailand who were not able to travel to Israel due to nationality issues. "The Thai authorities are push-

but also has a right to keep the child rather than hand it over to the biological parents.

Pattaramon, who has a 6-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter, has had to take a break from her job to care for little Gammy. She says she approached the Thai surrogacy agency on Facebook early last year because she needed money to care for her children and pay off debts. She said she plans to file a complaint with Thai police to get the rest of the unpaid compensation money from the agency. □

Thousands of Filipinos refuse to leave Libya jobs

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Only a fraction of about 13,000 Filipinos have expressed a desire to leave Libya so far despite frantic Philippine government efforts to evacuate them because they're afraid of losing their jobs in the conflict-torn country, Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said Sunday. Del Rosario said only 1,700 Filipinos have signed up to be repatriated from the Libyan cities of Benghazi

and Misrata as well as the capital, Tripoli, after the Philippines called for the mandatory evacuations of its nationals from the North African nation. The Philippines has chartered a ship to transport the Filipinos this week from Libya to Malta, where flights will be arranged to take them home. About 160 Filipinos have escaped by land to Tunisia, including 50 workers who were briefly stranded

when the border crossing was shut by authorities Friday night due to violence that erupted amid the rush to escape from Libya, del Rosario said. "I'm not sure that we can even get 50 percent to come home," he told The Associated Press after arriving in Manila from Tunisia, where he helped arranged the evacuations of Filipinos in Libya. "They're so scared, but their concerns are their jobs."

Filipino nurses are especially apprehensive about leaving because employers have enticed them to stay with additional pay and they are committed to their hospital work, del Rosario said. Philippine calls for the Filipino workers and their dependents to move out of Libya heightened after a Filipino construction worker was beheaded a few weeks ago and a nurse was abducted and gang-raped amid the escalating violence.



Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) Wency Ledesma and Ariel Nogol, left, show the photos taken with their cellphones, of the war-torn Benghazi in Libya upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport following their repatriation Monday Aug. 4, 2014 at suburban Pasay city, south of Manila, Philippines.

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Thailand's censors ban 'Tropico 5' computer game



In this June 13, 2014 file photo, Thailand's Army commander Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, left, arrives at the Royal Thai Army Club in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Censors under Thailand's military junta have banned a city-building simulation computer game, saying it could hurt the country's security, a video game distributor said Monday. The film and video censorship office blocked sales of "Tropico 5" because they feared "some part of its content might affect peace and order in the country," New Era Thailand marketing manager Nonglak Sahavattanapong said. She said the office, part of the Culture Ministry's cultural promotion department, did not provide any further explanation in a written statement received by the distributor on Monday. The office did not immediately reply to a request from The Associated Press for comment.

"Tropico 5" is the latest version of a game released by Kalypso Media. It allows players to play the role of a president of a tropical island, draft a constitution and manage the country, with the option of controlling the media and ruling as an iron-fisted dictator. Thailand has been under a military dictatorship since May 22, when soldiers overthrew a civilian government in a coup. The junta has issued several edicts that critics say infringe on media freedom and free speech. "Actually it's a good game with positive reviews. We've had licenses to distribute Tropico 3 and 4 before, but in the fifth installment, the story line has developed further and there might be some part of it that's not appropriate in the current situation" in Thailand. □

President Benigno Aquino III deployed del Rosario to Tunisia with an order for him to make sure "no one gets left behind," del Rosario said, but he added that many simply refused to leave despite the danger. "I was told that if some of them go out of their houses, they get divested of their money and cellphones," he said. "That's what is

scary. Nobody seems to be in charge. There are no evident police forces so if you get in trouble, you're on your own." The Philippines is among the world's top labor exporters, with about a tenth of its 100 million people working abroad to prop up their families and the country's economy with the money they send home. □



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China controls narrative of violence in tense west

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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — When a remote county in China's far west exploded last week in what appeared to be the country's worst ethnic violence since 2009, it took the government six days to put out an exact death toll. It isn't clear when a full picture of what happened might emerge, if ever, given Beijing's iron-fisted grip on the minority region. The Chinese government uses expansive controls and propaganda to maintain a virtual monopoly on the narrative in the tense region of Xinjiang, where minority Uighurs complain of oppression under Beijing's rule.

This limits outsiders to a one-sided view on escalating ethnic unrest that has killed dozens of people over the past year and poses a major test to Beijing's rule.

"With no independent media coverage, it is easier for the state to demonize its enemies," said Bob Dietz, Asia coordinator for the Committee to Protect Journalists. "But the fact that it doesn't allow the rest of the world, foreign and Chinese journalists, to report independently throws the official version of events into disrepute."

Authorities routinely seal off areas with paramilitary troops whenever there is conflict, and disrupt Internet and mobile phone services to strangle the flow of information to the outside world. Local officials stone-wall inquiries. The unrest often occurs in communities where communication with Uighur-speaking residents can be difficult for outsiders.

"It is very frustrating because you never totally know what the story is," said Raffaello Pantucci, a terrorism expert who studies China at the Royal United Services Institute for Defense and Security Studies, a think tank in London. "Every time one tries to look into specific incidents, you get this reporting which has discrepancies within it, so you never really know, if you're writing or researching about this, whether



In this July 17, 2014 photo, security guards man a checkpoint to a hotel in Aksu in western China's Xinjiang province.
Associated Press

you're getting things right." A case in point was the July 28 violence in Yarkand, a county on the southern rim of the Taklamakan desert near the mountainous border with Pakistan. Almost two days passed before a brief state media dispatch said vaguely that a gang attacked a police station and government buildings in the county known in Chinese as Shache, killing dozens of civilians before police shot dead dozens of the attackers.

With a total death toll of 96, it appeared to be the most serious single instance of bloodshed since riots broke out in July 2009 in the regional capital of Urumqi that left nearly 200 dead. Yet, details remained scant for an incident of such proportions.

Chinese authorities could be trying to avoid fueling concerns that the authorities in Xinjiang have responded to the unrest with excessive force. Police have increasingly taken to

a political scientist at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. But others will step in to try to fill the gaps. In the Yarkand incident, an overseas Uighur (pronounced WEE'-gur) activist group put out a vastly different version of events, saying police killed Uighurs who had been protesting the authorities' heavy-handed security crackdown during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The U.S. government-funded broadcaster Radio Free Asia, which hires Uighur speakers, also often puts out reports that investigate Beijing's claims on incidents of unrest.

Pantucci said the resulting ambiguity meant some fundamental questions about the recent uptick in violence remained unanswered. "What are we actually seeing? Is it that we're seeing an organized terrorist network that is launching a series of coordinated attacks around the country?" Pantucci said. "Or are we seeing individuals who are angry at the state and are reacting in a haphazard way on very specific things? Or are we seeing both at the same time?"

Yet, the government is also able to unleash a torrent of propaganda to build on its narrative when it chooses to. On Sunday, state broadcaster CCTV aired footage of a raid of a group of al-

leged terrorists by police in the southern county of Karakash. Police shot dead nine people and captured one in Friday's siege, the reports said.

State media said at least 30,000 villagers volunteered in the operation, and showed a row of men standing with sticks outside a cornfield where the targets were apparently hiding. Those who helped were later given sizable cash rewards in a televised ceremony.

The piece appeared aimed both at showing that the region's violence was being carried out by organized terror cells and demonstrating broad opposition to the cells by the region's citizens. However, the prizewinners' faces were blurred during interviews on TV — which could point to concerns about the safety within the greater community of citizens who help authorities crack down on militants.

In many cases, attempts at independent verification with on-the-ground reporting are easily stymied by the region's massive security apparatus. Foreign reporters who travel to the region are tailed and harassed by police and Communist Party propaganda officials keen on preventing them from speaking to residents. A team of Associated Press journalists were followed on a recent reporting trip from the moment they landed at an airport in the prefecture of Aksu. Minders trailed them in cars and on foot, through winding, narrow neighborhood alleyways and bustling street markets, questioning anyone the reporters talked to. It's no wonder, therefore, that many Uighurs fear the consequences of talking to foreign journalists, pointing to Uighur reporters and intellectuals who have been jailed for doing so. The government's controls on reporting and squelching of alternative narratives are not unusual elsewhere in China, but in Xinjiang, their effects are more acute, said Human Rights Watch researcher Maya Wang. □



In this July 17, 2014 photo, armed Chinese paramilitary policemen stand on duty near wanted posters at a check point in Aksu in western China's Xinjiang province.
Associated Press

It was only on Sunday that the official Xinhua News Agency released a casualty count, saying a terrorist gang killed 37 people, who were mostly members of China's ethnic Han majority, with knives. Police gunned down 59 of the assailants, said to be led by a man with close ties to an overseas terror group.

shooting dead alleged assailants, while hundreds of people have been arrested in recent months.

"If they're cracking down with a great deal of force, they don't want that kind of information to appear on the front pages of Western media, that's why they would try to staunch the flow," said David Zweig,



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ORANJESTAD - The underwater playground of Aruba's reefs are a joy to visitors and considered a treasure to the local population, but it also represents home and breeding sites for reef fish as well as

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al reefs in Aruba Carla Cavallaro, of the Jolly Pirates designed a trio of bracelets which their snorkel and sunset sail guests are offered in exchange for a small donation. All funds raised go into educational programs and protection efforts to preserve Aruba's spectacular underwater landscapes of coral reefs." The majority of children who benefitted from the recent program happen to share an affinity with the sea as second and third generation kids of families involved in water sports. After participating in an essay contest, the kids enjoyed instruction from Canicio Van Der Biezen, and then practiced their newly-learned skills on a sail aboard the Jolly Pirates. The program was a success through the generous contributions of many individuals, including school-teachers, boat captains, master divers and rescue workers, as well as each person who chose to donate through Jolly Pirates' Bracelet Program.

"Giving back to Aruba is easy when you consider all that the island has given me," comments Carla, who watches her own son Tyler grow up with a love

of the sea. "We've been blessed to find home, happiness and business success in Aruba, and it only makes sense that to do our part in ensuring we help protect the island's treasured marine environment for the next generation. It will be these kids who eventually take the reins in helping to realize a marine park for Aruba." In exchange for a donation of only \$5.00 visitors to the Jolly Pirates gift shop at MooMba Beach receive an attractive Save the Reef bracelet. Each dollar -- 100% of the donation -- is given to the Marine Park Foundation for the Save the Reefs Programs. While guests can feel good about contributing to valuable education efforts, they can also use the bracelets as a special gift or as an Aruba souvenir.

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São Paulo Brazil, Roberta has been visiting Aruba since she was a baby with her parents and grandparents, as a child she fell in love with Aruba, and she also love the friendly people of Aruba, the Playa Linda, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to her. This year the whole family Decourt is back on the Island enjoying the most of their home



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Andrew, Charles & Theresa Swider honored at Playa Linda



Recently Andrew, Charles and Theresa Swider were presented with the Goodwill Ambassador Certificate, to commemorate over 20 consecutive visits to Aruba. The ceremony was held at the Playa Linda Beach Resort and was conducted by Jonathan Boekhoudt with Aruba Tourism Authority together with Yvette Tromp from Playa Linda. Group picture: The Swider's together with their children and grandchildren. □

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Sabine Lisicki, of Germany, reacts during her opening round match against Sara Errani, of Italy, at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014. Associated Press

Lisicki upsets Errani in 1st round of Rogers Cup

MONTREAL (AP) — Sabine Lisicki upset 13th-seeded Sara Errani 6-1, 7-5 in the first round of the Rogers Cup on Monday. Errani, the 2012 French Open runner-up, is most comfortable on clay, while the 29th-ranked Lisicki likes the faster surfaces. Lisicki, the 2013 Wimbledon runner-up, hit the fastest recorded serve in WTA history (131 mph) last week at Stanford.

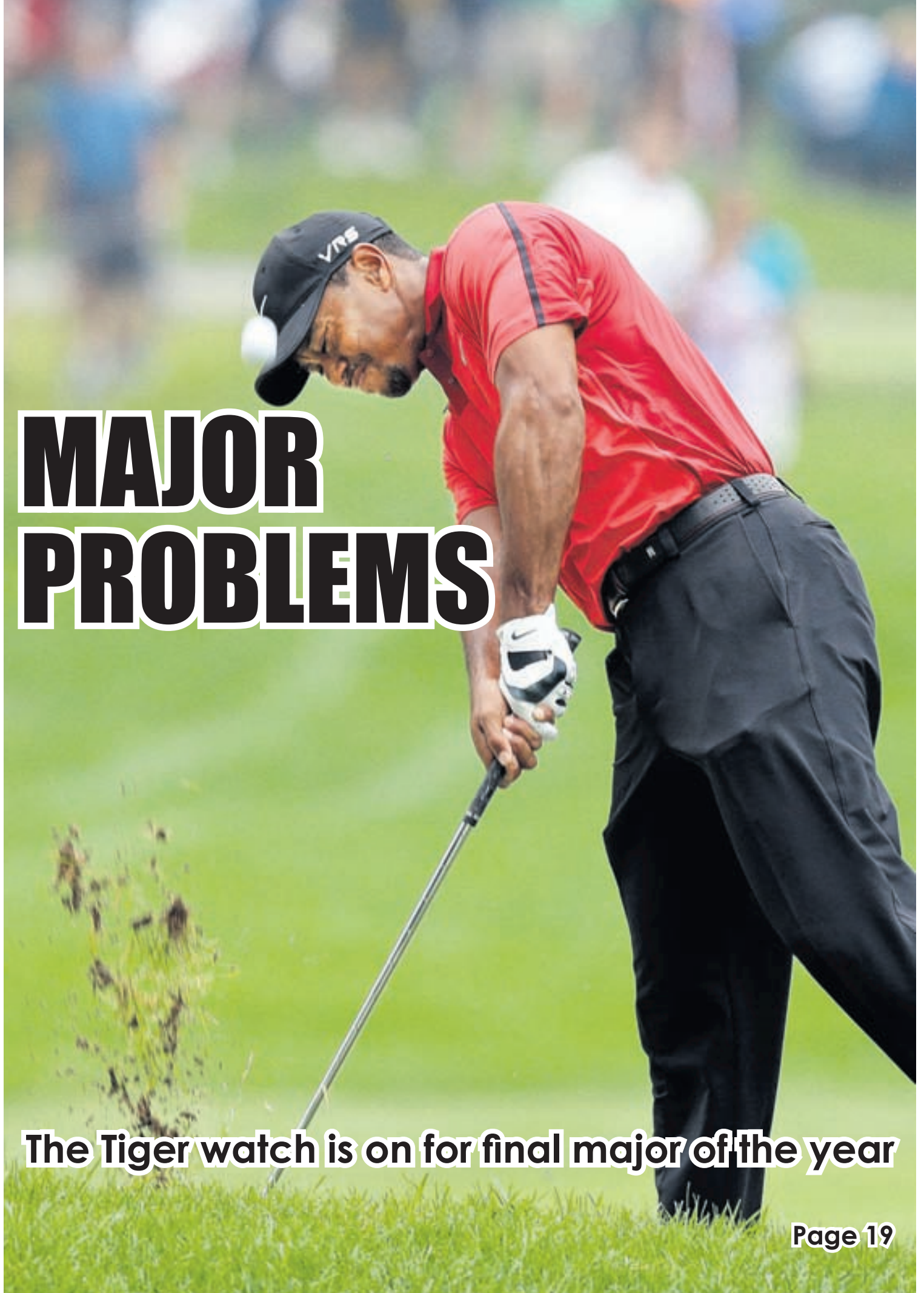
Errani was serving for the second set at 5-3 but let the lead slip away. Lisicki next plays Svetlana Kuznetsova or Madison Keys.

Barbora Zahlavova Strycova beat Roberta Vinci 7-5, 7-5. Zahlavova Strycova will face third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska.

American qualifier Shelby Rogers defeated Ajla Tomljanovic 6-4, 7-6 (5) to set up a second-round meeting with the star attraction of this year's event, fifth-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Quebec. That match is expected to be played Tuesday night.

Alize Cornet beat qualifier Lauren Davis 6-3, 7-5 and will next face eighth-seeded Victoria Azarenka.

Klara Koukalova beat Dutch qualifier Kiki Bertens 7-5, 7-6 (5). □



The Tiger watch is on for final major of the year

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Tiger Woods hits from the lip of a fairway trap on the second hole during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

Giants rally to beat Bills 17-13 in HOF Game

JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — With running back David Wilson out indefinitely, rookie Andre Williams showed glimpses he can provide the New York Giants' ground game some fresh legs. The fourth-round draft pick and Heisman Trophy finalist out of Boston College had seven carries for 48 yards and scored on a 3-yard run in a 17-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday night in the preseason-opening Hall of Fame Game.

Rookie receiver Corey Washington scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 73-yard pass up the right sideline from backup Ryan Nassib with 13:18 remaining. Washington reached back to catch the partly under-thrown pass, then stepped around flat-footed defender Kamaal McIlwain. Williams' performance was encouraging for the Giants after Wilson sustained his second neck injury in less than a year during training camp. Getting additional playing time as the No. 2 back behind newly acquired starter Rashad Jennings, Williams provided a 1-2 punch to the Giants' new-look running game that was slowed by injuries last season. And the two took the pressure off quarterback Eli Manning.

Though Manning lost a



New York Giants wide receiver Marcus Harris (18) tries to break away from Buffalo Bills defensive back Mario Butler (30) after Harris caught a pass in the second quarter at the Pro Football Hall of Fame exhibition NFL football game Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Canton, Ohio.

Associated Press

fumble while being sacked on the second series, Williams helped bail out the offense on the third possession. He had five carries for 37 yards, which he capped with a strong run up the middle to put the Giants ahead 7-3 in the final minute of the first quarter.

Williams led the nation with 2,177 yards rushing last season, the fifth highest total in NCAA history.

On Sunday, he showed

great burst on a 21-yard gain off a sweep to the left to set up his score.

Manning finished 6 of 7 for 43 yards passing through three series, in unveiling a quick-tempo offense under new coordinator Ben McDoo.

"We didn't get off to a great start," Manning said, referring to his fumble. "The first game back, you're going to work out some of the kinks. ... I thought there

were some improvements. It was a good start."

For Buffalo, starting quarterback EJ Manuel had several lapses during two series. He completed just 2 of 7 attempts for 19 yards, and nearly had a pass intercepted by linebacker Jacquian Williams inside the New York 10. Manuel never looked off his intended target Sammy Watkins and was fortunate to have Williams bat the ball down.

Watkins, the Bills' first-round pick, was held without a catch after being targeted three times. Two passes from Manuel directed Watkins' way were tipped. Manuel also was late in finding Watkins flying up the left sideline, and over-threw him by a few yards. It was a disappointing debut for Watkins, who had made numerous highlight-reel catches during the first two weeks of training camp.

Bills backup Jeff Tuel hit Robert Woods for a 2-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal to put Buffalo ahead 10-7 early in the second quarter. Dan Carpenter made two field goals, including a 51-yarder. New York's Brandon McManus hit a 47-yard field goal. The NFL unveiled a few new wrinkles that will run through the first two weeks of the preseason.

New York's Josh Brown hit two and Carpenter hit his extra-point attempt, all of which were snapped from the 15-yard line rather than the 2.

The game also featured goal posts that extended 35 high rather than the previous 30 feet.

Coaches and players on the sidelines also had the opportunity to view pictures of plays on tablets and in color — an improvement over the black-and-white still photos that were printed off on paper. □



Houston Dynamo defender DaMarcus Beasley, right, is kicked in the face by D.C. United midfielder Lewis Neal during the second half of an MLS soccer game, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at BBVA Compass Stadium in Houston.

Associated Press

Dynamo beats United 1-0 with 91st-minute goal

HOUSTON (AP) — Will Bruin scored in the first minute of added time to give Houston a 1-0 victory over D.C. United on Sunday to end the Dynamo's winless streak at eight games.

Houston, with newcomers DeMarcus Beasley and Luis Garrido in the lineup, dominated throughout the match and finally broke through after a defensive blunder by United defender Steve Birnbaum.

Birnbaum allowed a loop-

ing back pass from Taylor Kemp to bounce past him, and Omar Cummings pressed forward.

Cummings beat Birnbaum and goalkeeper Bill Hamid to the loose ball, and slid a crossing pass to Bruin.

United had won its four previous games.

DALLAS 1, CHIVAS USA 0

At Carson, California, Canadian forward Tesho Akindele scored the lone goal in the 49th minute as FC Dallas beat Chivas USA 1-0.

Fabian Castillo set up the goal, passing to Akindele for the easy tap-in.

Castillo nearly extended the lead in the 92nd minute with a shot that bounced squarely of the near post.

Chivas USA's best chance came when Erick Torres missed a header over the crossbar in the 78th minute. Dallas extended its undefeated run to seven games, while Chivas lost its third straight. □



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Woods' future uncertain with more back pain

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods was at Firestone, and the scene looked all too familiar.

Except he wasn't hoisting a trophy. He could barely bend over to pick up his tee.

Right when Woods thought he was making small progress toward his return from back surgery, he suffered a scary setback Sunday when he was stricken with more back pain and withdrew after eight holes from the Bridgestone Invitational.

How bad was it? Woods headed home to Florida to find out if he could play the PGA Championship this week.

But as he stood next to his car, he struggled to even take off his golf shoes before his caddie drove him away into an uncertain future.

The lasting images of Woods at Firestone were not of him winning, like he did last year for the eighth time. They were of Woods wincing, hobbling and twitching. Those were the scenes from earlier this year when he coped with recurring back pain that forced him to withdraw from the Honda Classic and eventually led to back surgery March 31.

In his third tournament since returning from surgery, this had the look of a serious setback.

Woods injured himself playing a shot from edge of a bunker on the par-5 second hole. With all weight on his right leg, he took an awkward slash at the ball, fell back toward the sand and landed with a thud, and kept jogging out of the bunker from sheer momentum of the steep drop.

"I just jarred it, and it's been spasming ever since," Woods told a PGA Tour official before leaving.

Woods kept playing, hitting a number of shockingly bad shots. He hit one into the water from the fairway on No. 3, coming up some 30 yards short of the flag. And on the par-3 fifth hole, his tee shot was 65 yards short of the hole. From a bunker left of the seventh green, he blasted out and back into the fairway and made double bogey. He grimaced at impact when



Tiger Woods makes an awkward follow through after hitting from the lip of a fairway bunker on the second hole during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

Associated Press

he hit a 315-yard drive into the left rough on No. 9. Woods slowly stooped over with his right hand on his leg, reached toward his back and slowly bent down to remove the tee from the ground. Moments later, he stepped into a cart and headed for the parking lot. "It's just the whole lower back," Woods said. "I don't know what happened."

Masters champion Bubba Watson said he didn't see Woods hit the shot that hurt him on No. 2, though he could tell as the round went on that something wasn't right.

"He hit some shots that we're not used to seeing Tiger hit, even when he's coming back from an injury like this," Watson said. "So obviously, something was bothering him. ... Like I told him when I shook his hand, I said, 'I'm praying for you. Hope everything turns out good. Hope to see you next week.'" With the pain he showed leaving the course — and just

four months removed from back surgery — it would seem unlikely that Woods plays next week at Valhalla, where he won the PGA Championship in 2000. Woods is scheduled to play the opening two rounds with Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington. Mickelson was on the 11th hole — not far away from No. 9 — when he noticed Woods leaving.

"It didn't look good. It looked like he was really in pain," Mickelson said. "I hope he's OK. I hope he's able to play next week. I hope it's a muscle and nothing serious because I'm really looking forward to playing with him. We rarely get paired together. If we do, it's been early Saturday."

"As much as I love playing with him, playing against him, trying to beat him, we all want him in the field. We all want him back. I just hope he's OK."

If Woods does not play in the PGA Championship, that would be the

end of his season. He would have to win the PGA to be eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs. In six starts on the PGA Tour this year, Woods finished all four rounds only twice. Woods had back surgery to alleviate an impinged nerve, forcing him to miss the Masters for the first time and the U.S. Open. He returned after three months to Congressional — three weeks ahead of his own schedule — and reported no pain in missing the cut by four shots at the Quicken Loans National. He also reported no pain in four rounds at the British Open. He finished 69th, 23 shots out of the lead, his worst 72-hole result in a major.

And now with another injury, Ryder Cup captain Tom Watson might have an even more difficult time picking him for the American team. The captain has said he wants Woods on the team if he was healthy and playing well. Woods was doing neither. □

NL Capsules

Lackey beats Brewers 3-2 in Cards debut

The Associated Press

CARDINALS 3, BREWERS 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — John Lackey won his St. Louis debut when the Cardinals rallied for three runs in the seventh inning, capped by a go-ahead from rookie Oscar Taveras to beat Milwaukee. The Cardinals took two of three from NL Central-leading Milwaukee and pulled within one game of the division lead.

Lackey (1-0) was the Cardinals' big catch at the trade deadline that capitalized on Boston's sell-off. The right-hander who won the clinching Game 6 of the World Series against St. Louis last fall held Milwaukee to two runs in seven innings and is 12-7 overall.

Trevor Rosenthal struck out Carlos Gomez with two on for his major league-leading 34th save in 38 chances.

Milwaukee starter Matt Garza was pulled after allowing one hit in six innings because he tweaked his left side. Reliever Jeremy Jeffress (0-1) took the loss.

NATIONALS 4, PHILLIES 0

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ste-

phen Strasburg struck out 10 batters while pitching three-hit ball for seven innings, earning his first win in a month as the Washington Nationals beat Philadelphia.

Strasburg (8-9) had been 0-3 in his previous five starts, losing his last three outings. He walked one and didn't permit a runner past second base.

Denard Span had two hits, two steals, an RBI and scored a run for NL East-leading Washington.

Cole Hamels (6-6) allowed an unearned run over seven innings.

GIANTS 9, METS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Madison Bumgarner pitched a two-hitter and Hunter Pence homered twice to lead the San Francisco Giants past the New York Mets.

Bumgarner (13-8) beat the Mets again, running his record to 3-0 in five games against them and giving the Giants their third win in 10 games. Brandon Belt and Buster Posey also went deep for the Giants.

The left-hander struck out 10 and walked one in his



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher John Lackey throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in St. Louis.
Associated Press

second career shutout.

Bartolo Colon (10-9) was denied his 200th career win.

PADRES 4, BRAVES 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Everth Cabrera singled in the winning run in the 10th inning as the San Diego Padres sent Atlanta to its sixth straight loss.

Will Venable led off the 10th with an infield single against David Hale (3-4) and Alexi Amarista walked. The Braves got a double play on Renee Rivera's sacrifice bunt attempt with Amarista taking second.

Chris Nelson walked and after a double steal, Cabrera lined a hard single

past second baseman Ramiro Pena.

Tim Stauffer (4-2) pitched one inning for the win.

REDS 7, MARLINS 3

MIAMI (AP) — Billy Hamilton scored three times to help the Cincinnati Reds break out of an offensive slump and beat Miami.

Todd Frazier had a season-high four hits and Devin Mesoraco hit a two-run single for the Reds, now 5-11 since the All-Star break.

Mike Leake (9-9) allowed one run in six innings. He has won all three of his career starts against the Marlins.

Jacob Turner (4-7), starting in place of injured Henderson Alvarez, allowed five

runs in four innings.

CUBS 7, DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Edwin Jackson pitched six innings for his first victory in six weeks and Chris Coghlan hit a tiebreaking two-run homer as the Chicago Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jackson (6-11) was 0-4 with a 7.39 ERA in his previous seven starts.

The NL West-leading Dodgers dropped two of three to the team with the third-worst record in the majors.

Josh Beckett (6-6) gave up three runs and six hits in four-plus innings in his fifth straight start when he failed to get past the fifth. □



Lleyton Hewitt, of Australia, reaches for the ball during a game against Milos Raonic, of Canada, at the Citi Open tennis tournament, Thursday, July 31, 2014, in Washington.

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt and Julien Benneteau had to deal with two rain delays during their Rogers Cup match on Monday before the Frenchman finally advanced to the second

round.

Benneteau, 32, advanced with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over the former top-ranked Hewitt. He had to adjust on the fly after the second rain delay, which lasted two hours.

Lleyton Hewitt loses to Benneteau in Rogers Cup

"I tried to keep the same momentum and the same rhythm of the match," Benneteau said. "I just tried to stay focused to be able to play the same way."

Benneteau was leading 4-1 in the first set when the first brief rain delay occurred. He was up 4-2 in the second when storms moving through the Toronto area halted action across the tournament.

"The rain delay, it's never easy but it's for both players," he said. "I had two break points before, 15-40 and then a deuce. So it's never easy."

Benneteau also said it's

never easy facing Hewitt, even though the Aussie is 42nd now and 11 years removed from being atop the world rankings.

"He's a great fighter and to beat him you have to play solid," Benneteau said. "You have to do a good match. It's the kind of player that if your level is not good enough, you don't win."

No. 15 seed Marin Cilic also moved on with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 win against Denis Istomin. The Croatian said Istomin was dealing with a shoulder injury that led to some unpredictability.

"He had some shots were

coming off good, some not, and it was difficult to know what was going to come," Cilic said. "It got a bit complicated."

Cilic will play the winner of a night match between Guillermo Garcia-Lopez and Malek Jaziri in the second round.

In other early action, France's Jeremy Chardy beat Argentina's Federico Delbonis, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, French qualifier Benoit Paire defeated Colombian Alejandro Falla, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, and American qualifier Tim Smyczek downed German qualifier Tobias Kamke, 6-3, 6-2. □

Gardner, Drew help Yankees beat Red Sox 8-7

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Brett Gardner hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning for one of his three hits, helping the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 8-7 on Sunday night.

Former Red Sox infielder Stephen Drew had a pair of hits and drove in four runs in his third game with the Yankees since he was sent there at the trading deadline. Esmil Rogers (1-0) earned the victory in his Yankees debut by throwing three hitless innings, striking out three and allowing one walk.

David Robertson pitched the ninth for his 29th save. Craig Breslow (2-3) came in to relieve Clay Buchholz to start the sixth inning and gave up Gardner's leadoff homer before retiring the next three batters.

TIGERS 4, ROCKIES 0

DETROIT (AP) — Anibal Sanchez struck out 12 and Victor Martinez hit a three-run homer as the Detroit Tigers finished off a weekend sweep of Colorado.

Sanchez (8-5) became the third straight Tigers starter to dominate the Rockies, allowing only two hits in seven innings.

In the three-game sweep, Justin Verlander, Rick Porcello and Sanchez combined for a 1.57 ERA with 27 strikeouts and two walks



New York Yankees' Brett Gardner, right, hits a two-run double as Boston Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez, left, looks on in the second inning of a baseball game, in Boston, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014.
Associated Press

in 23 innings.

Jorge De Le Rosa (11-7) gave up four runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. All six hits came with two outs.

ORIOLES 1, MARINERS 0

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Tillman pitched seven innings of three-hit ball to outduel Hisashi Iwakuma and Nick Markakis hit his first career leadoff homer as the Baltimore Orioles beat Seattle. Tillman (8-5) struck out six and walked none to earn his first win since June 27. A second-round draft pick by Seattle in 2006, Tillman is 6-0 in six career starts against the Mariners.

Newcomer Andrew Miller worked a perfect eighth and Zach Britton got three outs for his 23rd save.

Iwakuma (9-6) allowed one run, five hits and two walks in 7 2-3 innings. He lost on the road for the first time in 15 starts since July 2013, going 9-0 over that span.

ROYALS 4, ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, California (AP) — James Shields pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in nearly a month as the Kansas City Royals beat Oakland.

Shields (10-6) retired his first 15 batters before Josh Reddick hit a leadoff homer in

the sixth. Reddick homered again in the eighth.

Greg Holland pitched the ninth for his AL-leading 31st save.

The A's have the best record in baseball at 67-43, but have sputtered offensively since trading cleanup hitter Yoenis Cespedes to Boston on Thursday in a deal for ace Jon Lester. Scott Kazmir (12-4) took the loss.

ANGELS 7, RAYS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Mike Trout hit RBI double to key a five-run first inning as the Los Angeles Angels beat Tampa Bay in a game

delayed by a power outage at Tropicana Field. There was a 19-minute wait during the third inning after lightning struck a nearby power substation, causing some of the stadium lights to go out. Trout had three hits, walked and stole a base. The Angels took two of three and handed the Rays their first series loss since early July.

Trout and the Angels took a quick lead against Jake Odorizzi (7-9).

Jered Weaver (12-6) gave up six hits and four walks, but only two runs in six innings. He is 4-0 lifetime at Tampa Bay.

Huston Street got his sixth save since joining the Angels.

TWINS 16, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Rookie Danny Santana had five hits and four RBIs as the Minnesota Twins scored nine times in the eighth inning of a rain-delayed romp over the Chicago White Sox.

Santana had two hits and two RBIs in the Twins' big inning. Minnesota's Chris Parmelee, Oswaldo Arcia and Eric Fryer hit consecutive homers in the ninth. It was the first time the Twins had three consecutive homers since July 12, 2001, at Milwaukee.

Kyle Gibson (10-8) got the win. □

Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka plays catch, Pineda feels strong

HOWIE RUMBERG

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Masahiro Tanaka took a very small step toward returning to the New York Yankees' rotation, playing a pain-free game of catch.

Tanaka made 25 throws from 60 feet Monday, his first action since being sidelined in early July with a small tear of the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

The rookie sensation from Japan was 12-4 with a 2.51 ERA before landing on the disabled list. He is trying to avoid Tommy John surgery,

which would sideline the 25-year-old All-Star for at least a year.

"I think it all went well," Tanaka said through a translator. "I think I get to the next step, so I'm very relieved about that." Manager Joe Girardi cautions that this is slow start in a long process, but was encouraged the throwing in the outfield went well.

Tanaka will play catch again Tuesday and will increase the intensity as he goes along. Girardi said the real test will come when Tanaka gets on a mound

and faces competition.

"It's way too early to see," Girardi said. "It's positive that he didn't feel anything today, but it's really light catch."

Michael Pineda, another sidelined Yankees starter, appears much closer to a return from a right shoulder muscle injury. The right-hander threw 58 pitches in 3 1-3 innings for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Sunday.

A day later, he was happy with how his shoulder felt. Girardi said the Yankees would like for Pineda to make two more rehabilita-

tion starts and increase his endurance to 90-100 pitches. But New York might have a heightened need for the big righty, who was hurt in a simulated game as he prepared to return from a suspension for being caught using pine tar to help his grip in late April.

Fill-in starter David Phelps was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday before New York played the Detroit Tigers because of right elbow inflammation. The Yankees recalled Matt Daley from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre to fill Phelps' spot on the roster. □



New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka walks to the dugout in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians Tuesday, July 8, 2014, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

David Stern set to enter basketball's Hall of Fame

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- David Stern remembers the days when an NBA staff that numbered about two dozen was just trying to keep some teams in existence long enough to get them on national TV. Now the former commissioner looks at a league whose 1980 championship series was not broadcast live but now has games televised around the world, whose players average more than \$5 million a year in salary as the highest-paid team athletes in sports, and sometimes can't believe he and his colleagues pulled it off. "You can't even do justice to everything that everybody has done," Stern said in a phone interview. "All you can do is focus on small chunks of it, but it's great fun to contemplate how the NBA family has pulled together to be at a place where our players are now at the top of the

celebrity period. "Pretty, pretty amazing and great." It helped to have marketable stars like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan. But now comes an honor for the person most responsible for it. Stern will be enshrined Friday in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, part of a 2014 class that includes former players Alonzo Mourning and Mitch Richmond, along with NCAA championship-winning coaches Nolan Richardson and Gary Williams. Stern ended his run as commissioner after exactly 30 years on Feb. 1 - he won't say retired, because he's still working - and once thought he would wait five years for induction, same as players. Officials from the NBA and Hall of Fame persuaded him otherwise, and nobody is arguing that he belongs immediately. "It would be hard to overstate the impact I think Da-



In this Oct. 23, 2013 file photo, NBA Commissioner David Stern smiles during a news conference after an NBA board of governors meeting in New York. **Associated Press**

vid has had on the game of basketball. Admitting that I'm prejudiced toward basketball, David Stern could go down in our era as the greatest commissioner of all-time in all sports," said former NBA coach and ESPN analyst P.J. Carlesimo. For Stern, it will be the first official basketball function he's attended since leaving the commissioner's office in the hands of Adam Silver. He's remained busy

advising some communications companies and technology startups, giving speeches and traveling on behalf of the league, and is anxious to catch up with the growing list of supporters he has learned will be in Springfield, Massachusetts. "It's very nice and very enjoyable," Stern said, "and the Hall of Fame is always a kind of reunion in any event. And so this will be just one more, which is great." Inducted in the

contributor category, Stern is mostly being recognized for his accomplishments as commissioner. But things like free agency and the merger with the ABA came much earlier, when he was working with the league as a lawyer, before he joined the NBA as its general counsel in 1978. Some of those advances are the ones that occasionally come to mind when he's talking with old co-workers. □

WNBA Capsules

Liberty beats Dream 83-76 in Cooper's return

The Associated Press

TLANTA (AP) — Tina Charles had 29 points and 14 rebounds as the New York Liberty beat Atlanta 83-76 to spoil Dream coach Michael Cooper's early return to the sideline. Cooper missed Atlanta's past five games after being diagnosed with early-stage tongue cancer, and had surgery July 24. Team officials at the time said that Cooper, 58, was expected to miss about two weeks. By winning eight of their past 12 games after a 4-11 start, the fourth-place Liberty (12-15) have pulled within five games of the first-place Dream (17-10) in the East, and New York took the season series against Atlanta 3-1. Atlanta leads second-place Washington by 4 games, and Indiana by 4 1-2

Angel McCoughtry led Atlanta with 28 points, including four 3-pointers, and Sancho Lyttle added 16 points for the Dream. **SPARKS 70, SUN 69** **LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Kristi Toliver made a 3-pointer with 9.6 seconds remaining to give Los Angeles Sparks a win. Nneka Ogumike stole a Sun inbound pass and the Sparks got the ball to up top to Toliver, whose first field goal of the game was the winner after the Sun's Renee Montgomery missed a jumper on the final possession. Toliver's basket capped a comeback from four points down with 15 seconds remaining. Candace Parker's hook shot in the paint got the Sparks to 69-67 before Ogumike's steal. Alana Beard led the Sparks with 18 points and Ogumike had 17 points and 10



This is a June 1, 2014 file photo showing Atlanta WNBA head coach Michael Cooper during the second half of a basketball game against Connecticut in Uncasville, Conn. **Associated Press**

rebounds. Chiney Ogumike led the Sun with 23 points and 13 rebounds. **SKY 76, MYSTICS 65** **ROSEMONT, Illinois (AP)** — Elena Delle Donne scored 21 points, and Sylvia Fowles

added 14 points and 11 rebounds as the Sky beat the Mystics. Jamierra Faulkner added 10 points as the Sky (12-16) won their second straight since Delle Donne returned from Lyme disease. She played 16 minutes after playing 10 in Wednesday's 87-74 victory over New York. Chicago moved within a half-game of New York for the fourth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot. Washington maintained a hold on second place in the East. The Mystics got within six points early in the fourth quarter, but the Sky later had eight straight for a 69-57 lead with 5:33 to play. Emma Meesseman scored 17 points while Ivory Latta had 12 for Washington (13-15). **STORM 71, STARS 65** **SEATTLE (AP)** — Crystal

Langhorne scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half to help the Storm end a seven-game losing streak with a win over the Stars. Langhorne scored seven and Sue Bird added five in the final three minutes of the game after the Stars had rallied from an 18-point first-half deficit to take a 59-57 lead. Langhorne also had 10 rebounds. Camille Little added 15 points and Bird 10 for Seattle (10-20), which moved within 3½ games of the Stars for the fourth and final playoff berth with just four games left. Kayla McBride scored 17 and Danielle Adams 14 — all in the second half — to lead San Antonio (13-16), which fell a half game behind Los Angeles for third place in the west. The Stars have lost seven of nine but are still three up on Tulsa for the final playoff spot. □

A Closer Look: Secure your phone without passcodes

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NEW YORK (AP) — Passcodes are outdated.

They're a pain to use, and they aren't secure when they are based on easy-to-guess digits, such as a birth date or street address. Many people don't bother using them on phones, even though that means any thief can get instant access to email, banking apps and more. Fortunately, phone makers have started to come up with alternatives to passcodes.

I take a deeper look at those options as I debut an occasional series, A Closer Look. Over the weeks, we'll explore features in various gadgets and services. Rarely does one feature make or break a buying decision, but these elements collectively might push you in one direction or another. And for those who already own these gadgets, it's a way to discover features you might not know about.

— FINGERPRINTS:

Apple included a fingerprint sensor in the iPhone 5s last year. Later, HTC included one on its HTC One Max, while Samsung added it to its latest flagship phone, the Galaxy S5. Samsung's Galaxy Tab S tablets also have fingerprint sensors. With all of



In this Sept. 20, 2013 file photo, a customer configures the fingerprint scanner technology built into the Apple iPhone 5S at an Apple store in Wangfujing shopping district in Beijing.

Associated Press

these, you can unlock the device with your fingerprint and avoid typing in numbers on the screen.

The iPhone's sensor still works well after nearly a year of use. I begin by training the phone to recognize up to five fingers. To unlock the phone, I simply touch the home button for about a second. It works when my finger is upside down or sideways, but the sensor has trouble when it's wet or greasy. In such cases, I can go back to using the passcode.

Samsung's approach is similar, except it recognizes

only three fingerprints, and it requires you to swipe down on the home button rather than simply touch it. The fingerprint can be used to authenticate purchases using the PayPal app or to unlock the device's private mode, which lets you hide photos and other documents you designate as sensitive.

The HTC One Max's sensor is on the back rather than on the home button. Unfortunately, it often fails to recognize my print. I like that I can instruct the phone to open a par-

ticular app automatically depending on the finger I use. The sensor isn't available with the HTC One M8, which came out in March. Many security experts have expressed concerns that once a finger's compromised, you can't replace it the way you can a passcode.

No one's saying these measures are foolproof. But they are better than no security, which is what happens when people turn off the passcode feature because it's too much of a hassle. Since the passcode can be used as a backup, don't make it easy to guess.

— ANDROID ALTERNATIVES:

Most Android phones have passcode alternatives under "Security" or "Lock screen" in the settings.

Instead of a numeric passcode, you can opt for a regular password. You improve security by choosing a combination of numbers and letters, some capitalized. You can throw in some punctuation marks, too. Though security improves, convenience drops.

Another option, called Pattern, lets you draw a pattern on the screen. You are presented nine dots,

and you must connect at least four of them by swiping on the screen using a pattern you can remember. Your passcode is your fallback.

Though it's easier to swipe than to type, it's actually less secure. Someone with the phone can guess your pattern based on smudge marks on the screen.

— KNOCK, KNOCK:

LG's new G3 phone gives Pattern a twist.

Picture a square divided into four quadrants. You create a code by tapping on the various quadrants in an order you'll remember, such as upper left/upper right/lower left/upper right. You need at least three taps, but you can go as long as eight, for more than 80,000 possible combinations.

This approach, known as Knock Code, doesn't leave smudge marks the way Pattern does.

Plus, you have flexibility in the way you define your quadrants. You can divide the entire phone's screen into four quadrants, or you can pick a small corner and divide that into quadrants. That way, you're not being obvious with your taps when you're in a public place. You don't have to choose ahead of time. The phone figures it out.

After six failed attempts, you're required to use your passcode or sign in with your Google account.

All of these security measures do make it less convenient to use your phone, as it means an extra step to send a quick text message or view a photo. These alternatives aim to reduce the inconvenience enough that you'll have something in place if your phone falls into the wrong hands.

In a future column, I'll discuss options for finding your phone or wiping out its data remotely, should your phone get lost or stolen. For now, be sure to check out what your phone offers — and use it. □

LinkedIn pays \$6M in unpaid wages, damages

NEW YORK (AP) — Professional networking service LinkedIn has agreed to pay nearly \$6 million in unpaid wages and damages to 359 current and former employees, the Labor Department said on Monday.

The U.S. Department of Labor said an investigation found LinkedIn Corp. in violation of overtime and record-keeping rules that are part of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. It

said the violations occurred at company branches in California, Illinois, Nebraska and New York.

Mountain View, California-based LinkedIn said in a statement that it was "eager to work closely with the (Labor Department) to quickly and equitably rectify this situation. This was a function of not having the right tools in place for a small subset of our sales force to track hours

properly; prior to the (Labor Department) approaching us, we had already begun to remedy this."

The company agreed to pay the back wages once it was notified of the violations and to take steps to prevent them from happening again. Federal law requires that hourly employees get paid 1.5 times their regular hourly rates for hours they work beyond 40 per week. □

Argentina loses bid to oust debt dispute mediator



A man walks by a graffiti that reads in Spanish, "Out Vultures" in reference to the dispute between the Argentine government and a U.S. hedge fund, known locally as "vulture funds," in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, August 4, 2014.

BEN FOX

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A U.S. judge on Monday turned back an effort by Argentina's government to remove the court-appointed mediator in the dispute with creditors that triggered a default by the country last week.

U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Griesa dismissed Argentine complaints that mediator Daniel Pollack has not been an impartial mediator in their battle with investors who refused to accept a debt restructuring after the last time the country defaulted, in 2001. Referring to Pollack by his legal title of special master, Griesa praised his work in handling the dispute, saying he has acted with "great skill" and been even-handed with all parties. "It is hard to imagine a worse move that the court could make than to remove the special master," Griesa said.

"It would be a gross injustice and would drastically interfere with the process which has been going on and must continue." Jonathan Blackman, an attorney for Argentina, criticized Pollack and called for his removal after the

mediator issued a statement declaring that the country would be imminently in default following the breakdown in talks July 30.

Blackman said the statement undermined Argentina's position in financial markets. His criticism was echoed Monday by Cabinet Chief Jorge Capitanich, who told reporters that Pollack has acted as a "spokesman for the vulture funds," the preferred Argentine term for the U.S. investors who are its opponents in the dispute. Griesa said that Pollack issued the statement about default at his direction and that it was accurate.

The investors have been seeking \$1.5 billion for bonds defaulted on by Argentina in 2001. The country settled with most of its creditors by trading lower-value bonds for defaulted debt, but a group of holdouts, led by New York-based hedge fund NML Capital Ltd., refused to accept that deal. The government, in turn, said it could not settle with the holdouts without offering similar terms to the others. Griesa, in a decision affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court, ruled Argentina

could not pay the other creditors until it settled with the holdouts. That triggered a default when Argentina was prevented from paying \$539 million in interest due by July 30, threatening to derail an economy already in recession. Several international banks were reportedly in negotiations Monday to buy the Argentine bonds held by the holdout investors, which would allow Argentina to exit default.

The negotiations, disclosed by the Argentine financial newspaper *Ambito Financiero* and other media, were said to include J.P. Morgan, Citibank, HSBC and Deutschebank. All four declined comment to The Associated Press.

Argentine officials have said they do not oppose a private bank resolution to the situation, but *Ambito Financiero* cited an unidentified source in reporting that the government was not part of the negotiations to avoid giving the appearance it was offering better terms to the holdouts than to other bondholders. The paper said the banks were seeking a guarantee that they would be able to recover their investment in the holdout bonds. □

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Carnival plans to build cruise port in Haiti

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A major Florida-based cruise line has signed a letter of intent to develop a new port on an isolated Haitian barrier island that has long been a major launching spot for smugglers, authorities said Monday.

Carnival Corp., the parent company of Carnival Cruise Lines, said it signed a memorandum of understanding last week with the Haitian government for a cruise port on Ile de la Tortue off Haiti's north coast. In a statement emailed Monday, Carnival said the development would create a "tremendous economic impact" for Haitians while also carving out a new spot for ship itineraries in the Caribbean, the globe's No. 1 cruise destination.

"The development will create an exciting opportunity for our guests to enjoy a new, secluded and stunning destination," said David Candib, a vice president for Miami-based Carnival. In a recent tweet, Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe said the initial investment on Ile de la Tortue will be \$70 million. Because of its remoteness, the mountainous island has long been a center for smugglers to organize

dangerous sea journeys for poor migrants seeking a better life in the United States and elsewhere in the Caribbean. Ile de la Tortue, also known as Tortuga Island, is 11 miles (19 kilometers) across cobalt waters from hard-scrabble Baie des Moustiques. The cactus-studded area's poverty stands out even in Haiti. Ile de la Tortue, where the shores are lined with wooden boats of smugglers and subsistence fishermen, has some of the poorest people in the hemisphere's most impoverished country.

In February, Lamothe said officials had begun a program to improve opportunities, in part by paving the way for seven restaurants and by creating 1,000 jobs through a sanitation program. Farmers received free seeds and the national police force was to send some 30 officers to crack down on illegal migration. Carnival said the company's new port would "directly or indirectly" employ more than 900 people. The development would compete with Royal Caribbean's fenced-in Labadee cruise port and beach attraction, also on Haiti's north coast.

A local government representative on Ile de la Tortue said residents were excited by the prospect of foreign investment. □

GM Finance Subpoenaed over subprime auto loans

NEW YORK (AP) — GM Finance says it has received a subpoena from the U.S. Department of Justice for documents related to subprime auto loans.

The affiliate of General Motors Co. said in a filing Monday with the government that the Justice Department requested documents related to the origination and securitization of subprime auto loan contracts since 2007. Subprime loans generally are made to borrowers with ques-

tionable credit repayment histories. GM Finance said the Justice Department is considering a civil lawsuit for potential violations of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act, a federal law that was passed following the savings and loan crisis in the 1980s. General Motors Financial Co. said it received the subpoena on July 28. It disclosed the request in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. □

U.S. airfares on the rise, outpacing inflation

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NEW YORK (AP) — Travelers, prepare to pay more for your flight.

The average roundtrip ticket within the U.S., including taxes, reached \$509.15 in the first six months of this year, up nearly \$14 from the same period last year. Domestic airfare continues to outpace inflation, rising 2.7 percent compared to the 2.1 percent gain in the Consumer Price Index.

Airfare has gone up 10.7 percent in the past five years — after adjusting for inflation — according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and more than 9,400 travel agencies, including websites such as Expedia and Orbitz.

The formula for rising fares seems simple, but it eluded the airlines for years: Match the supply of seats to passenger demand.

"Airlines have reduced the number of seats while more people want to fly because of the economic recovery. All this leads

to higher airfares," says Chuck Thackston, managing director of data and analytics at Airlines Reporting Corp. "This trend in airfares is likely to continue for the near future, as the economy continues to grow."

These days, fares only capture part of the cost of flying. Many passengers pay extra to check their luggage, typically \$50 roundtrip for the first bag and \$70 for the second one. But bag fees haven't changed much in the past few years. Now, the airlines are increasingly enticing passengers to pay for fast-track security lines, early boarding, additional legroom and other extras that can add from \$9 to \$299 to the cost of a flight. So, for example, a \$300 ticket can balloon to \$450 on some airlines if you check two bags and pay \$30 for a little more room to stretch your legs.

And travelers aren't finding much relief after landing. The average nightly price of a hotel room in the U.S. during the first half of this year was \$113.80, according travel research



In this July 17, 2013 file photo, a United Airlines jet approaching Los Angeles International Airport passes in front of a Waxing Gibbous moon. Associated Press.

company STR. That's up \$4.47, or 4 percent, from the same period in 2013.

Most people are traveling for work. And when the economy is strong, they do more flying. Data released by the government last week shows that economic growth bounced back after a brutal winter, businesses are creating jobs at a steady pace and consumer spending is on

the rise.

The Global Business Travel Association predicts that worldwide business travel will grow 6.9 percent this year to a record \$1.18 trillion. The United States is the business largest travel market, with travelers spending \$274 billion last year, a 4.5-percent increase over 2012.

Baggage fees and some others were introduced in

2008 to offset losses from rising fuel prices. However, this year airlines are actually paying less for fuel — \$2.96 a gallon so far, 7.2 percent less than last year, when adjusted for inflation. Passengers aren't seeing any of those savings. One reason is that airlines no longer need to entice fliers with lower fares. There are simply fewer choices today. □

Stocks stage late-day rally; Utilities lag

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market staged a late-day rally Monday, helping push the Dow Jones industrial average higher for the first time in a week.

Investors had a couple pieces of positive news to get behind: a decent earnings report from Berkshire Hathaway and the announcement of a rescue package for a struggling Portuguese bank.

However, investors remain cautious after last week's sell-off, which gave the Standard & Poor's 500 index its worst five-day period in more than two years. "Everyone is double-checking their own portfolio after what happened last week," said Jack Ablin,

chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank in Chicago.

The Dow rose 75.91 points, or 0.5 percent, to 16,569.28. It's the first time the blue chip index has posted a gain since July 28.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 13.84 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,938.99 and the Nasdaq composite added 31.25 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,383.89.

Berkshire Hathaway, the company run by Warren Buffett, helped give the market an early boost Monday.

The Omaha, Nebraska-based company reported late Friday a profit of \$6.4 billion last quarter, helped by its insurance division Geico, which performed well above Wall Street's ex-

pectations. Berkshire's investment portfolio was also a big driver of profits. The company's Class B stock rose \$3.89, or 3 percent, to \$129.70, one of the biggest gains in the S&P 500.

Michael Kors was the biggest decliner in the S&P 500, falling \$4.82, or 6 percent, to \$77.01. While the handbag and women's fashion company reported a rise in second quarter earnings, the company's profit margin shrank for the second consecutive quarter.

Last week's market rout, where the S&P 500 fell nearly 3 percent in five days, remains front and center in investors' minds. It was the worst week for the index since June 2012. With Monday's gains, it was the



Trader Steven Kaplan, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014.

Associated Press

Dow's third positive day in the last 10 sessions.

Utility stocks were among the biggest decliners. Consolidated Edison, PG&E and Duke Energy fell roughly 1 percent. The Dow Jones utility index, which includes 15 utility stocks, fell 1 percent.

Currency markets were flat. The dollar was steady at 102.56 yen and the euro held at \$1.3422.

In energy trading, oil rose for the first day in a week. Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 41 cents to \$98.29 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

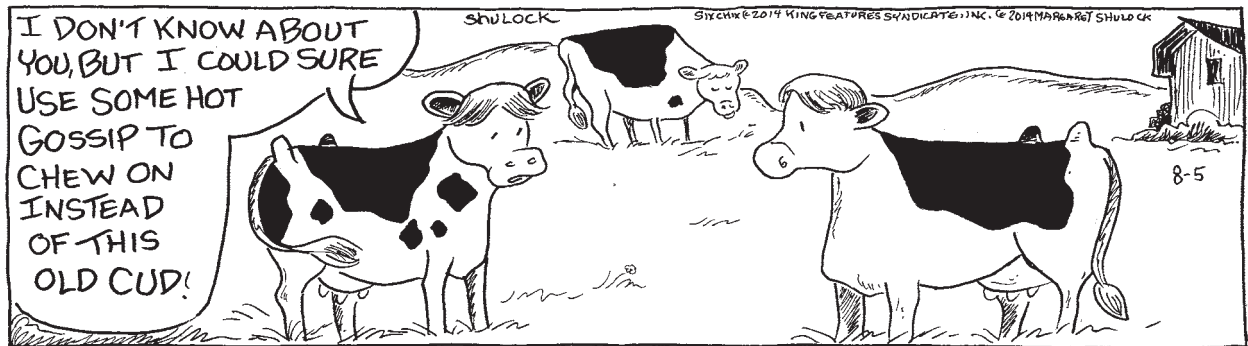
Gold fell \$5.90 to \$1,287.70 an ounce and silver fell 14 cents to \$20.23 an ounce. Copper rose three cents to \$3.24 a pound.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was flat at 2.49 percent. □

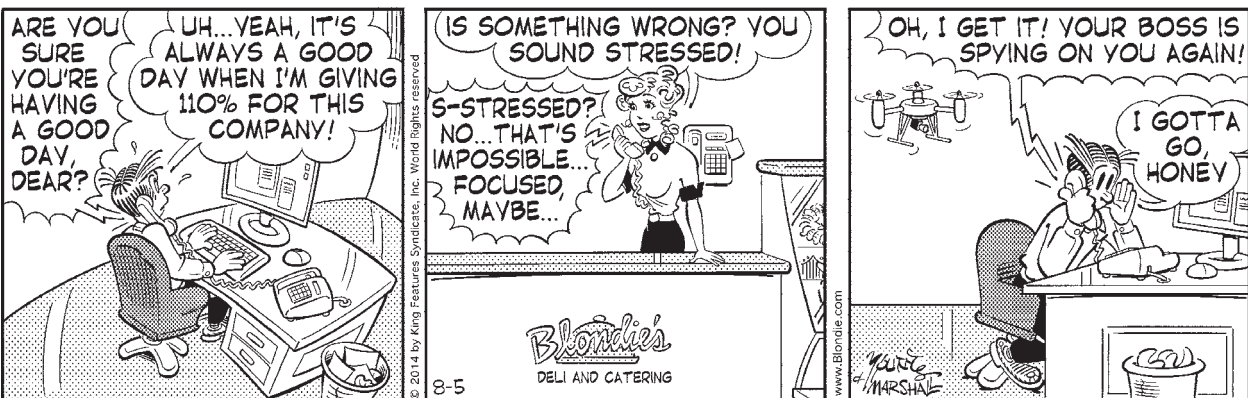
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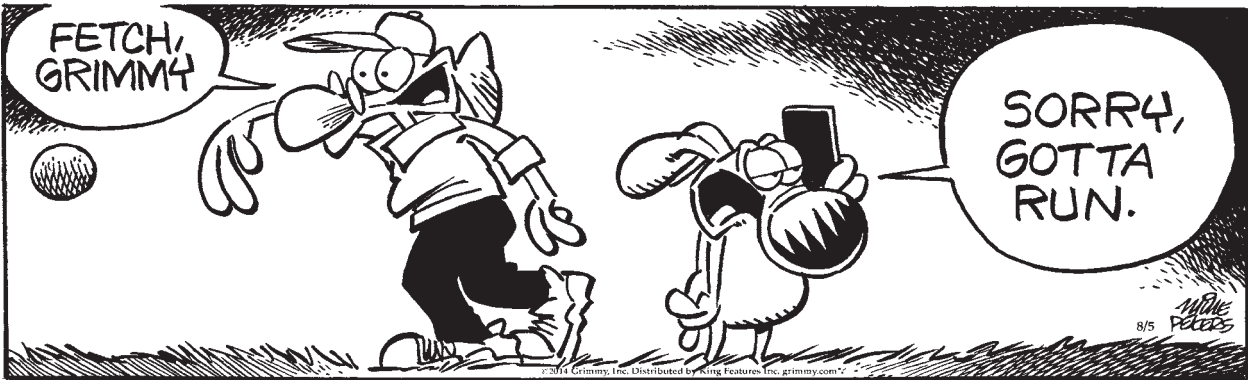
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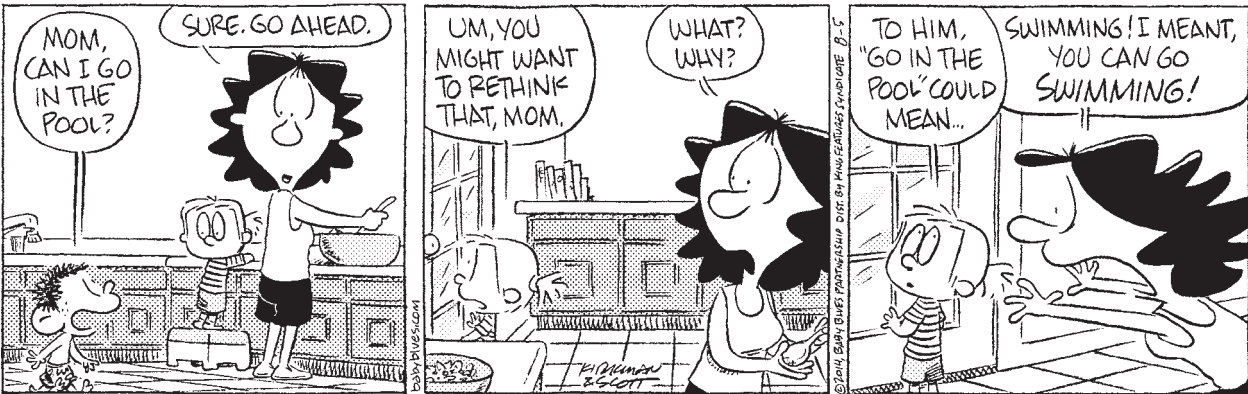
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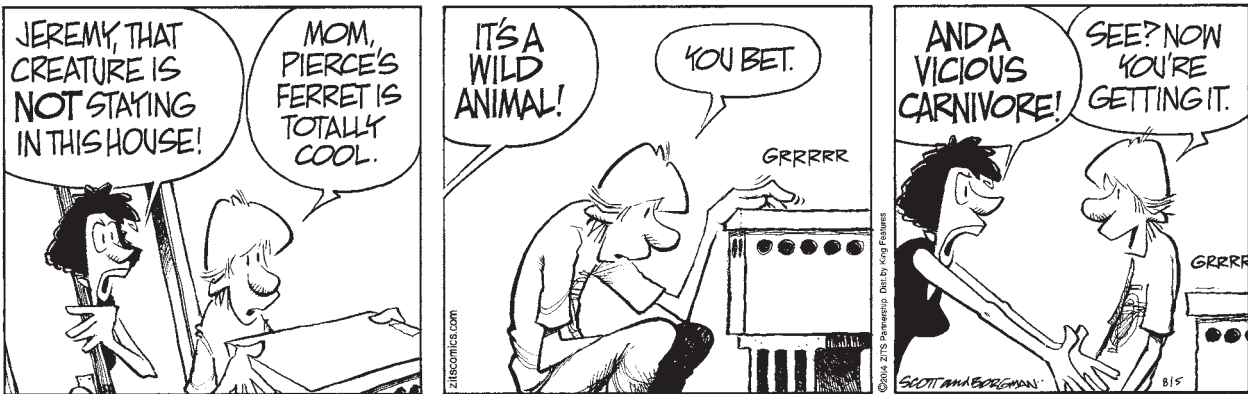
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8/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 13 Rovers' needs
- 15 Inexpensive
- 16 Puncture
- 17 Cut off the edges of
- 18 Poke fun at good-naturedly
- 19 Tied, as a score
- 20 Figurine
- 22 Have to have
- 23 Fellow
- 24 Nov.'s follower
- 26 Wild dog
- 29 Cow farm operator
- 34 Tim or Woody
- 35 Strength; might
- 36 Wedding words
- 37 ___ in; wearing
- 38 Actress Laurie
- 39 Apartment
- 40 Ornamental pond fish
- 41 Famous
- 42 Stick out
- 43 Compassion
- 45 ___ up; admits to wrongdoing
- 46 Word of disgust
- 47 Ficus tree fruits
- 48 Gator's cousin
- 51 Persistent preoccupation
- 56 Chess piece
- 57 Unwilling
- 58 Gabor and Longoria
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- 2 Corncobs
- 3 Judge's decree
- 4 Real; not virtual
- 5 Flock members
- 6 Warmth
- 7 ___ Side, West Side, all around the town...
- 8 Quicker
- 9 Employment ___; job office
- 10 Sheltered bay
- 11 Alder or cedar
- 12 ___ away; dismiss
- 14 Slapped
- 21 Other ___; besides
- 25 Go wrong
- 26 Game played with a tiny rubber ball
- 27 Metal mixture
- 28 State one's right to
- 29 Stupid
- 30 Floored
- 31 Pepper grinders
- 32 Saying
- 33 Short letters
- 35 ___ helmet; hard hat

- 38 Asphalt gaps
- 39 Harder to please
- 41 Carp
- 42 Panhandles
- 44 ___ up; prepare to kiss
- 45 Uses rod & reel
- 47 Stinky
- 48 Grouch
- 49 ___ away; galloped off
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- 53 Not cuckoo
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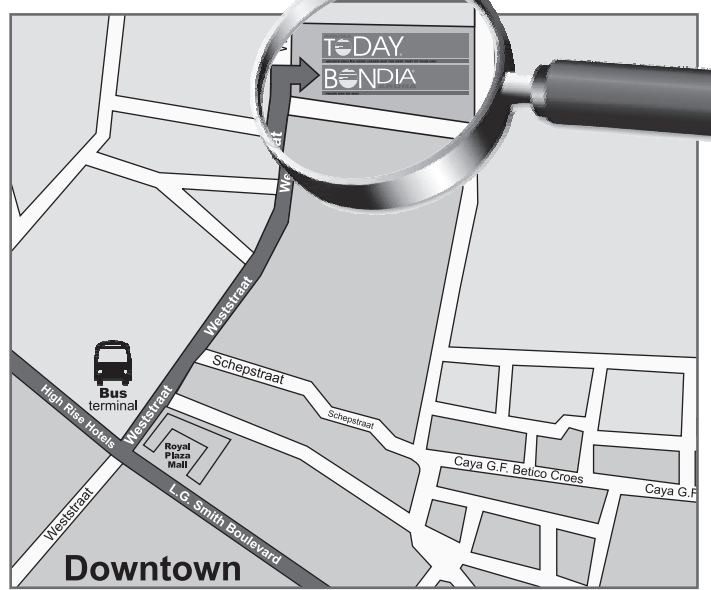


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Botswana, a rare refuge for elephants

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Associated Press

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, Botswana (AP) — No sign of an elephant in all of two minutes, a tourist teased a guide at Botswana's Chobe National Park, home to tens of thousands of elephants. A minute later, their vehicle cleared a knot of shrubs and elephants loomed ahead beside the dusty road.

Such joking wouldn't be possible in many other parts of Africa, where recent years have yielded dire news about ivory poaching. Poachers killed more than 20,000 elephants in 2013 amid rising demand for their tusks in Asia, particularly China, according to international conservation groups.

Botswana is a rare bright spot with estimates of its elephant population as high as 200,000. The southern African country's political and economic stability, small human population and other factors make it an elephant haven, though pressure on habitats and conflict with the human population are increasing concerns.

Botswana is a challenging model for other African nations struggling to ward off the illegal wildlife trade, ranked by the United Nations alongside arms, drug and human trafficking because its illicit profits run into billions of dollars worldwide.

In all of Africa, there are about 420,000 to 650,000, according to some estimates.

Elephants roam widely outside conservation areas in landlocked Botswana,



In this July 12, 2014 photo, an elephants crosses the main highway leading to Zambia in Northern Botswana.

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which has just 2 million people; in contrast, Kenya, under pressure from poachers, has almost as much territory as Botswana with about 35,000 elephants and 45 million people.

Elephants benefit from Botswana's ban on commercial trophy hunting on state land that took effect this year to help other wildlife species whose numbers are in decline. Some elephants, who traditionally range across unfenced borders, may also have crossed into and stayed in Botswana as poaching escalated in neighboring countries, some conservationists say.

While official corruption has hooks in African poaching, Transparency International in 2013 listed Botswana at 30th out of 177 countries and territories, based on how corrupt their public sector is perceived to be. It led all other African countries and was ahead of nations including Portugal, South Korea and Costa Rica in the survey by the



In this July 12, 2014 photo, elephants cross the main highway leading to Zambia in Northern Botswana.

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Berlin-based watchdog group.

"Peace and conservation success go hand in hand," said Rudi van Aarde, a South African conservationist at the University of Pretoria who studies regional elephant populations. "Warfare and unrest and improper governance go hand in hand with conservation failures."

Botswana says its elephant population is growing at 5 percent a year. Officials have introduced fencing to keep elephants away from villages, and the use of chili peppers is among schemes designed to protect crops from these "intelligent creatures," said Cyril Taolo, deputy director of the country's department of wildlife and na-

tional parks.

"Elephants being elephants, they quickly find their way around some of these things," he said.

In December, Botswana President Ian Khama, speaking at an international meeting on elephant conservation in Gaborone, the capital, said that his government had deployed "all our security forces" to help guard against poachers.

But some suspects infiltrate across borders. In June, a Zambian poacher was killed in a gunfight with rangers in Chobe park in northern Botswana, which is close to Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Angola. About 50 elephants have been poached annually in recent years in Botswana,

according to Taolo.

Poaching statistics are far higher elsewhere in Africa. Poachers, some shooting from helicopters, killed about 70 elephants over a two-month period in Garamba National Park in Congo, in Central Africa, the park director said in June. Late last year, authorities in neighboring Zimbabwe reported that more than 100 elephants were killed by cyanide poisoning in the western Hwange game reserve.

The carnage has drawn comparisons to an elephant slaughter in the 1970s and 1980s that only eased with an international ban on the ivory trade in 1989. Insurgent groups and organized crime syndicates are prominent in today's killings, officials and analysts say.

"We're going through that again, in a lot of ways," George Wittemyer, an American expert who has studied elephants in Kenya, said in reference to the poaching surge decades ago. Wittemyer, an assistant professor at Colorado State University's department of fish, wildlife, and conservation biology, said Kenya had made progress in combatting poachers, but acknowledged: "We're definitely not anywhere near out of the woods yet."

In Botswana's Chobe park, elephants lumber and forage by the dozens close to the river, where they have stripped away much of the foliage. On a recent morning, an elephant swam to reeds in the river, its trunk aloft as its bulky body dipped through the water in a surprisingly fluid motion. Outside the park, a herd of elephants leisurely crossed a road near a town, seemingly unperturbed by passing cars.

Elephants Without Borders, a Botswana-based group, is leading what it describes as the biggest continent-wide, aerial census of elephants since the 1970s with funding from Microsoft co-founder and billionaire Paul Allen. □



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Hallstrom accepts Spielberg invite 12 years late

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steven Spielberg asked Lasse Hallstrom to work with him more than a dozen years ago, but the Swedish filmmaker only recently accepted the invitation. Hallstrom said he experienced "traumatic suffering" when he had to decline the chance to direct 2002's "Catch Me If You Can," which Spielberg went on to direct himself. The trauma was finally resolved, Hallstrom said, when the two filmmakers joined forces on "The Hundred-Foot Journey," which Hallstrom directed and Spielberg produced, along with Oprah Winfrey and TED Talks producer Juliet Blake.

"I've been admiring him for a very long time," Hallstrom said of Spielberg, giddily noting the two are about the same age. (Hallstrom is 68, Spielberg is 67.) "To work with him as a producer, that was heavenly," Hallstrom said during a recent interview to promote the film. "To have him in the editing room for a couple days giving his ideas on it, and to have his comments on the dailies, (was) really



In this June 25, 2014 file photo, executive producer Steven Spielberg attends the premiere of "Transformers: Age of Extinction," in New York.

Associated Press

helpful. And good ideas for the script, too.

"So it was like we made it together, me and Steven Spielberg."

"The Hundred-Foot Journey" stars Helen Mirren as the prickly, prideful owner of a Michelin-rated French restaurant who bristles when an Indian family opens their own eatery across the street. The film opens Friday. □

Keke Palmer to be Broadway's first black Cinderella

MARK KENNEDY

AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Like many

girls, actress and singer Keke Palmer grew up dreaming of meeting a prince who would whisk her away to a life of love and happiness. In her case, it's going to happen — eight shows a week on Broadway.

Palmer said she'll be stepping into the title role in "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" starting Sept. 9 at the Broadway Theatre. She will become the first African-American to play the part on the Great White Way.

"It's honestly one of those things that I can't believe is really happening," Palmer said by phone Friday from her Los Angeles home. "I'm very excited. Very excited and nervous as well — a bunch of feelings all at once."

Palmer, 21, is stepping into the sparkly shoes first worn by Tony-nominated Laura Osnes, then put on by "Call Me Maybe" Canadian pop star Carly Rae Jepsen and currently worn by Paige Faure, who launches a national tour in the title role this fall.

Palmer, who will be making her professional stage debut, will rely on a host of skills she's developed from film — including "Barber-



This Feb. 1, 2013 file photo shows Keke Palmer at the 44th Annual NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

shop 2: Back in Business" and "Akeelah and the Bee" — her BET talk show, "Just Keke," and on TV in Showtime's "Masters of Sex." Her albums include the 2007 CD "So Uncool" and a self-titled 2012 EP.

She has played Chili in "CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story" and starred in Nickelodeon's "True Jackson, VP." Palmer also appeared opposite Cicely Tyson and Vanessa Williams in Lifetime's "A Trip to Bountiful," which was nominated for an Emmy Award.

"She acts beautifully, she dances, she sings — she's an amazing young woman," Tony Award-winning producer Robyn Goodman said. "I think she's going to be just so lovely."

The Illinois-born actress's

parents, Sharon and Larry Palmer, both worked as professional actors, and young Keke said she grew up watching theater and welcomes the discipline it will give her.

"Theater offers so much more than I haven't been able to access doing film and TV and everything like that," she said. "I'm very excited to learn all that it has to offer — that focus and that dedication to perform at a certain level every night."

One of Palmer's heroines growing up was the singer and actress Brandy Norwood, who played Cinderella in a 1997 TV movie opposite Whitney Houston. "I feel like the reason I'm able to do this is definitely because Brandy did it on TV," Palmer said. "In me doing this, it shows everybody that everything is possible."

The producers of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" have always been colorblind about casting the show, which Actors Equity honored for excellence in diversity on Broadway last year. "We've always just cast the best people for the parts. Sometimes they're African-American, sometimes they're Latino, sometimes Asian-American," Goodman said. "It's wonderful when it works out and we've finally found our Cinderella."

The traditional fairy tale has been given a sly and witty makeover by Douglas Carter Beane, who updated the story for a new generation. □

Stallone: It's hard to get men to like you

LOUISE DIXON

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Sylvester Stallone may come across as the ultimate guy's guy. But he says action stars like him are "the hardest characters to sell" to other men. "Men are very competitive," Stallone said ahead of Monday's world premiere of "The Expendables 3."

"They go, 'Who's that? I'm sure he takes diuretic steroids, you know, he's shorter than he looks.'"

"It's very hard to do it. People think 'Oh it's really easy,'" said Stallone. "It's good to jump around but to get other men to like

you, it's very difficult. Men are kind of stand-offish that way." The third installment of "The Expendables" sees the team come into conflict with a ruthless arms dealer, played by Mel Gibson. Harrison Ford and Wesley Snipes join the cast of action legends. And there's new blood, including "Twilight" heartthrob Kellan Lutz and mixed martial arts fighter Ronda Rousey. The extended team of Expendables battle it out to bring down the bad guys and save the world.

"The Expendables 3" is in U.K. theaters from Aug. 14 and opens in the U.S. on Aug. 15. □



U.S. actor Sylvester Stallone, center, with his wife Jennifer Flavin, second right, and daughters, Sophia Stallone, Sistene Stallone and Scarlet Stallone arrive for the World Premiere of The Expendables 3 at a central London cinema, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014.

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Few roles for Hispanics in top Hollywood movies

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AP National Writer

A new study shows that less than 5 percent of actors in top Hollywood films are Hispanic, and that Latinas are more likely than women of any other ethnicity to appear partially or totally naked on screen.

The study of the top 100 grossing films in 2013, by the University of Southern California's Annenberg school, found that the make-believe world of movies generally does not reflect what America looks like in real life.

About 74 percent of the actors in the study were white, compared with a U.S. population that's 63 percent non-Hispanic white.

Hispanics, who are 17 percent of the nation but had 4.9 percent of film roles, were the most underrepresented group on screen. That's despite the fact that Hispanics bought about 25 percent of all movie tickets and are more likely than any other group to go to the movies, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.

Black characters represented about 14 percent of those in the films, which is comparable to America's 13 percent black population. However, 17 percent of the films examined in the study did not have a single black speak-



This March 2, 2014, file photo shows Lupita Nyong'o accepting the award for best actress in a supporting role for "12 Years a Slave" during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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ing role, and half the films had a smaller percentage than the population, which indicates that a few movies with predominantly black casts balanced out the many movies with few black actors.

2013 was called a banner year for black actors, due to the success of films such as "Fruitvale Station," "Lee Daniels' The Butler" and "12 Years a Slave," which made Steve McQueen the first black winner of the best-director Oscar.

Hispanic stars such as the Dominican Zoe Saldana, the New York-born Puerto

Rican Jennifer Lopez and the Spaniard Antonio Banderas appeared on the big screen.

Yet there has been no significant change since 2007 in the number of non-white actors in top films, said Stacy L. Smith, director of USC Annenberg's Media, Diversity & Social Change Initiative and author of the study being released Monday.

"The only obstacle here is imagination," Smith said in an interview.

She said that the number of black directors remained low — 6 percent of

all directors in the study — and they were much more likely to use diverse casts. Hispanic directors were not counted.

"What we're seeing in the aggregate is very few folks not white and male being able to participate behind the camera," Smith said. "So the (on-screen) landscape remains primarily white and male. When you do have diversity behind the camera, things start to shift." The study examined all 3,932 actors who spoke at least one word in the top 100 films of 2013. USC did similar counts in 2007-2010 and 2012. Asians filled 4.4 percent of roles in 2013, compared with their 5.3 percent of the U.S. population. One percent of roles were played by "Middle Eastern" actors, less than 1 percent by Native Americans, and 1 percent by "other."

Almost 38 percent of Latina actresses appeared partially or fully naked on screen, the study said. That compared with 32 percent of white females, 24 percent of black females and 18 percent of Asian actresses.

"Latinas have this stereotype that we're sex symbols ... that we walk sexy and (have) this flavor," said Roselyn Sanchez, a Puerto Rican actress who has appeared in such films as "Act of Valor" and "Rush

Hour 2."

She had no explanation for why Hispanics have so few movie roles. "It's not about talent," she said.

About 17 percent of Hispanic males were shown in "tight, alluring, or revealing clothing," the most of any group. Some 14 percent of Asian males, 13 percent of black actors and 8 percent of white actors were shown in similar attire.

Black males were more likely than those from any other group to be shown in a committed relationship, at 68 percent. Asian males were the least likely, at 29 percent.

Blanca Valdez, who runs a Hispanic casting agency in Los Angeles, said it's difficult for Latinos to audition for roles unless the call specifically asks for "diversity" or "multiethnic." That often keeps them out secondary roles such as the neighbor, the lawyer, or the bank teller.

She said some actors with Hispanic surnames who look white will only put their first name on their casting photographs, just to get a foot in the door.

But Valdez said things have been changing rapidly in commercials and television, with more calls than ever for Hispanic and "multiethnic" actors. She hopes that studios will "follow the money" since Latinos are such big movie fans. □

Body-paint artist blends models into NYC landmarks

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's streets are Trina Merry's studio, and the naked body is her canvas.

She creates remarkable images that seamlessly camouflage her mostly nude models into New York City's skyline, blending them into the details of the Empire State Building, the Manhattan Bridge, Central Park and other famous landmarks. The art form, preserved in photographs, is the result of a meticulous process that relies on models who must hold their

pose perfectly still for hours and of New York City's relatively liberal laws that have no problem with a woman standing topless in the middle of a busy street.

Merry says she came up with the idea for the series after moving to New York from the San Francisco area this year.

"I wanted to engage the city and understand it and make some observations," Merry said. "So instead of a person right in front of the Empire State building or the Statue of Liberty, they're softly in the background, and you've got more of a



In this Aug. 1, 2014 photo provided by Trina Merry, a model appears to blend into the background as she stands in front of the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

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reflective view of the person within the landscape." This past week, the 33-year-old artist put her model in the middle of a Brooklyn street, deftly blending her into the Manhattan Bridge and surrounding streetscape with smooth brush strokes.

"It feels great to be painted," says model Jessica Mellow, who wore only a bikini bottom and running shoes. "You feel the transformation process. The brush itself, it's really soft. It feels more like a massage." But the city as a body-painting studio comes with

its hazards.

Merry carefully checked weather forecasts to make sure there was no chance of rain. She had to repaint a portion of her model after a van in the background moved. And she had to deal with the constant distraction of pedestrians and even cab drivers who slowed down to gawk, snap pictures and ask questions — their faces a mix of shock, intrigue and anything-goes resignation. "That's so very New York," says passer-by Celeste Hernandez. "You cannot be surprised by anything." □

Sympathy for the



Joe Nocera

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What does it mean for a company "to do the right thing" after an industrial accident?

It used to be standard operating procedure that when something went wrong, companies immediately took to the courts to fight over who got compensated and for how much, trying to minimize their own financial liability. Those fights could take years to resolve, with no guarantee that the plaintiffs would be compensated justly.

But then came the Deepwater Horizon spill, which killed 11 people and spewed oil into the Gulf of Mexico for 87 days in the spring and summer of 2010. BP, whose negligence was largely responsible for the spill, decided to take a different tack. It decided to try to make amends immediately, without waiting to get sued.

"It was a shocking tragedy," recalled Bob Dudley, BP's American-born chief executive, who spoke to me in New York on Thursday in the midst of a day of meetings with investors. (BP had just announced its second-quarter earnings.) "And we immediately knew we wanted to do the right thing."

BP spent billions on environmental cleanup and billions more compensating the economic victims of the spill. It waived liability limits. It vowed - to the president of the United States, no less - to put aside \$20 billion for compensation alone. Most intriguingly, it brought in Ken Feinberg to oversee a claims process that avoided the court system. Feinberg wound up paying \$6.3 billion to around 200,000 claimants, people who could show that the spill had in some way harmed them or their businesses economically.

Why? No doubt the awful public relations that came from having the country watch the oil gushing from the broken well, day after day, had something to do with it. And no doubt only a company as big as BP could spend the billions required to undo the damage of such a massive spill. (It has spent a total of \$27 billion so far, much of which came from selling assets.) But, Dudley says, it was also the company's objective "to reach reasonable settlements and put this behind us. I

don't regret what we did. I feel proud of us as a company."

As it turns out, the regret came a little later. Despite the Feinberg claims process - and the billions he doled out - the plaintiffs' bar still wanted its piece of the action. So a group called the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee sued BP. After that suit was settled, Feinberg was let go, replaced by a local Louisiana lawyer named Patrick Juneau. And Juneau began approving claims from all sorts of businesses that, by any reasonable standard, were never harmed by the oil spill.

The wireless phone retailer who was awarded more than \$135,000, even though its building had burned down before the spill. The attorney who was awarded more than \$172,000, even though his license had been revoked in 2009. There were dozens - nay, hundreds - of bogus claims like those.

At one point, BP, through Juneau, was spending \$100 million a week in claims. Indeed, in the space of two years, Juneau has awarded some \$4 billion. Should you care that a big corporation that did an awful thing - and that has paid mightily for doing so - is now being hosed? "First of all," said Dudley, "this is the shareholders' money, not some faceless corporation's." Second, said Dudley, it causes other companies to think twice about investing in America. And third, "It's just not right for people to cash in on an industrial tragedy when they weren't actually involved."

So about a year ago, BP changed tack again: It decided to fight the plaintiffs' lawyers and Juneau's claims process. Although the plaintiffs say that BP signed a bad agreement - and that it always knew that people who weren't harmed by the spill were going to get money - BP has put "causation" at the center of its legal claims. In other words, it is arguing that you can't litigate on behalf of a class of people who weren't harmed by the accident.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against BP, in a divided vote. But other circuits have voted the other way in different cases - ruling that no matter what the terms of a settlement, no judge can approve it if there is no causal link between the class members and the accident itself.

Not surprisingly, on Friday afternoon, the day after I spoke to Dudley, BP made a filing to the Supreme Court, asking the court to rule on the 5th Circuit's decision. The question remains a simple one: Can you have a class-action lawsuit in which large numbers of the class members have never been harmed by the defendant?

I know what my answer to that question is. Assuming it takes the case, it will be interesting to see what the Supreme Court has to say. □



How This War Ends



Thomas L. Friedman

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RAMALLAH, West Bank - I had held off coming to Israel, hoping the situation in Gaza would clarify - not in terms of what's happening, but how it might end in a stable way. Being here now, it is clear to me that there is a way this cruel little war could not only be stopped, but stopped in a way that the moderates in the region, who have been so much on the run, could gain the initiative. But - and here is where some flight from reality is required to be hopeful - developing something that decent out of this war will demand a level of leadership from the key parties that has simply never been manifested by any of them. This is a generation of Arab, Palestinian and Israeli leaders who are experts at building tunnels and walls. None of them ever took the course on bridges and gates.

I happened to be in the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv late Friday when air raid sirens went off as a result of a Hamas rocket being aimed at the city. Standing in the embassy basement, I had a moment of quiet to think about how much creativity lately has gone into war-making around here and how little into peace-making. Israel has developed a rocket interceptor system, the Iron Dome, that can immediately calculate whether a Hamas rocket launched in Gaza will hit a built-up area in Israel - and needs to be intercepted - or will fall into the sea, farm fields or desert and can be ignored and, therefore, avoids the \$50,000 cost of an interceptor. The system is not only

smart; it's frugal. If this Israeli government had applied the same ingenuity to trying to forge a deal with the moderate Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, Hamas would be so much more globally isolated today - not Israel.

Meanwhile, Hamas, using picks, shovels and little drills, developed an underground maze of tunnels in Gaza, under Israel's nose, with branches into Israel. If Hamas - which has brought only ruin to the people of Gaza, even in times of quiet - had applied that same ingenuity to building above ground, it could have created the biggest contracting company in the Arab world by now, and the most schools.

Every war here ends eventually, though, and, when this one does, I don't think we'll be going back to the status quo ante. Even before a stable cease-fire occurs, Israeli and Palestinian Authority officials have been discussing the principles of a lasting deal for Gaza. Given the fact that Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates hate Hamas - because of its ties to the Muslim Brotherhood - as much as Israel, the potential exists for a Gaza deal that would truly align moderate Arabs, Palestinians and Israel. But it won't come cheap. In fact, it will require Israel, Hamas and the U.S. to throw out all the old rules about who doesn't talk to whom. Here's why: Hamas has been a formidable foe for Israel, and it is unlikely to stop this war without some agreement to end the Israeli-Egyptian blockade of Gaza. Israel is not likely to stop this war without having rooted out most of the Hamas tunnels and put in place a regime that will largely demilitarize Gaza and prevent the import of more rockets.

Since neither Israel nor Egypt wants to govern Gaza, the only chance these goals have of being implemented is if the moderate Palestinian Authority here in Ramallah, led by President Mahmoud Abbas, is invited back into Gaza (from which it was evicted

by Hamas in 2007). And, as one of Abbas' senior advisers, Yasser Abed Rabbo, explained to me, the only way that can happen is if the Palestinians form a national unity government, including Hamas, and if Israel agrees to resume negotiations with this government about ending the West Bank occupation.

The Palestinian Authority has no intention of becoming Israel's policeman in the West Bank and in Gaza for free. "To hell with that," Abed Rabbo said. If the Palestinian Authority is going to come back in as the game-changer, it will be as the head of a Palestinian national unity government, with Hamas and Islamic Jihad inside, that would negotiate with Israel, he said. If Hamas and Israel want to end this war with some of their gains intact, they will both have to cede something to the Palestinian Authority.

No one should expect, Abed Rabbo said, that "we, 'the stupid moderates,' will sit there and play a game in favor of Hamas or Israel and not get anything out of it, and we will go back to the same old negotiations where" Israel just says "blah blah blah." If we do that again, "my kids will throw me out of my house."

"We should have a serious Palestinian reconciliation and then go to the world and say, 'OK, Gaza will behave as a peaceful place, under the leadership of a united Palestinian front, but, (Egypt), you open your gates, and, Israel, you open your gates,'" Abed Rabbo said. The moderate Arab states would then contribute the rebuilding funds.

Unless Hamas or Israel totally defeats the other - unlikely - it is hard for me to see how either side will get out of this war the lasting gains they want without conceding something politically. Israel will have to negotiate in earnest about a withdrawal from the West Bank, and Hamas will have to serve in a Palestinian unity government and forgo violence. I can tell you 17 reasons that this won't happen. I just can't think of one other stable way out. □

Scrabblers rejoice: 5,000 new words are on the way

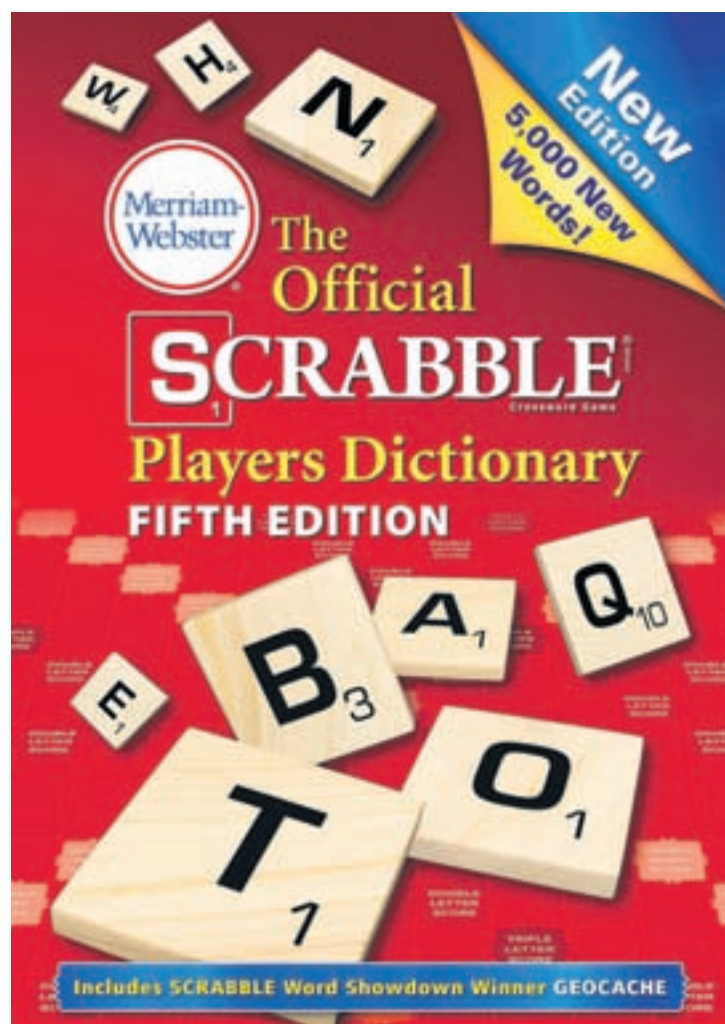
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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — To Scrabble fanatics, big gifts sometimes come in small packages.

The word “te” as a variant of “ti,” the seventh tone on the musical scale, is a hard-working little gem among 5,000 words added to “The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary,” out Aug. 11 from Merriam-Webster.

The dictionary’s last freshening up was a decade ago. Entries in the forthcoming book that include texer, vlog, bromance, hashtag, dubstep and selfie were mere twinkles on the racks of recreational players. But it’s the addition of te and three other two-letter words — da, gi and po — that has Robin Pollock Daniel excited. Daniel, a clinical psychologist in Toronto, is a champion of the North American Scrabble Players Association, which has a committee that helps Merriam-Webster track down new, playable words of two to eight letters. “Being able to hook an ‘e’ underneath ‘t’ means that I can play far more words,” explained Daniel, who practices Scrabble two to four hours a day. “Sometimes you play parallel to a word and



This book cover image released by Merriam-Webster Inc. shows “The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary: Fifth Edition.” The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, out Aug. 11 from Merriam-Webster, has 5,000 new words.

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you’re making two-letter words along the way. I call those the amino acids of Scrabble. The more two-letter words we have, the more possibilities a word will fit.” One woman’s te

is another man’s “qajaq,” one of Peter Sokolowski’s favorites among the new words. He’s a lexicographer and editor at large for the Springfield, Massachusetts-based Merriam-

Webster.

Qajaq, he said in a recent interview with Daniel, reflects the Inuit roots of kayak and would require a blank tile since Scrabble sets include just one Q. But it’s a rare word starting with “q” that doesn’t require a “u.”

A bonus, to a word nerd like Sokolowski: qajaq is a pal-indrome, though that’s inconsequential in Scrabble. The new words add about 40 pages to the Scrabble-sanctioned dictionary, which already lists more than 100,000 playable words. Definitions are kept to a minimum but parts of speech and whether a plural is available are noted. To be included in the 36-year-old book — this is the fifth edition — a word must be found in a standard dictionary, can’t require capitalization, can’t have hyphens or apostrophes and can’t be an abbreviation, in addition to being two to eight letters, reflecting the seven tiles players draw plus an eighth already on the board they can attach a long word to for bonus points.

Among the highest potential scorers among the new additions is “quinzhee,” a shelter made by hollowing out a pile of snow. Played

on the board’s top row, ending at the top right through an existing “u,” and a player can score 401 points, including the 50-point “bingo” bonus for using all seven tiles.

Merriam-Webster didn’t identify all 5,000 new words but released a list of about 30 that also include:

Beatbox, buzzkill, chillax, coqui, frenemy, funplex, jockdom, joypad, mixtape, mojito, ponzu, qigong, schmutz, sudoku and yuzu. Geocache was also added, voted into the dictionary by the public during a Facebook contest in May. “It makes the game more accessible to younger people, which we’re always looking for,” Daniel said of the update. “All the technology words make it more attractive to them.”

Sokolowski anticipates a transitional period for some players who may need time getting used to the idea that so many new words will soon be in play.

“It is going to be a big step for a lot of people to switch to this,” he said, “but at the same time if you’re sitting at a Scrabble game after dinner and somebody plays the word selfie and somebody challenges that as not a real word, well guess what? It is.” □

Updated dinosaurs stalk America in arena show

NEW YORK (AP) — What does a man who spends his work days creating animatronic dinosaurs do on his day off? If you’re Sonny Tilders, you go see the real thing in person.

Tilders, the creative director of The Creature Technology Co., couldn’t resist recently stopping by the American Museum of Natural History while in New York to see some genuine fossils up close.

“I wanted them to move. Just one of them,” Tilders says, laughing.

In his day job, they do: Tilders is the driving force behind the “Walking with Dinosaurs, the Arena Spectacular,” which has returned for a North Ameri-

can tour with 20 updated lifelike dinosaurs, including many sporting feathers, the ability to reach up and eat leaves, and three new babies.

The show, based on an award-winning BBC Television series, travels 200 million years from Triassic to the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, and features 10 species of dinosaur. It is produced by Global Creatures, the Australian company behind the new musical “King Kong,” the Tony Award-winning “War Horse” and “How To Train Your Dragon.”

“Walking with Dinosaurs” is in Pittsburgh this weekend and next goes to Auburn Hills in Michigan before Ca-

nadian stops scheduled in Montreal and Ottawa for the rest of August. In September, it lumbers toward the California cities of Anaheim and Los Angeles and other stops are planned throughout the West and Midwest.

“There’s real drama in what we’ve made,” says Scott Faris, the director, whose work is backed by an 80-piece orchestra score. “Not only have we built dinosaurs to scale, we’ve also built a climax at the end of the first act with a big battle and then the second act tops that.”

The largest dinosaur in the show is the 36-foot tall, 56-foot long Brachiosaurus, which weighs 1.6 tons, or

the heft of a standard family car. One puppeteer guides it from underneath — “like Scotty on ‘Star Trek,’” says Tilders — and two others manipulate it from a location high above the stage. Some dinosaurs are the size of a small dog and are radio controlled.

“While it’s wonderful to see all these great shows on TV that use computer-generated imagery to create another world, I think they kind of miss something,” says Tilders, a dinosaur fan as a kid.

“What’s really nice about doing it live onstage is the greater sense of awe and wonder when you see something — albeit made of fabric and steel — that

convinces you that it’s alive.”

Tilders, who trained under famed puppeteer Jim Henson, has worked on such films as “Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith,” “Ghost Rider” and “The Chronicles of Narnia.” He knew when he first started making dinosaurs that the effort would hinge on one key element. “We knew that if we couldn’t solve the skin, we would struggle to solve the whole creature,” he says. The result is a lightweight Spandex-type fabric that’s durable. The exact ingredients are a trade secret. “It has this thing that I can’t tell you about. I’d have to kill you and your family,” he jokes. □